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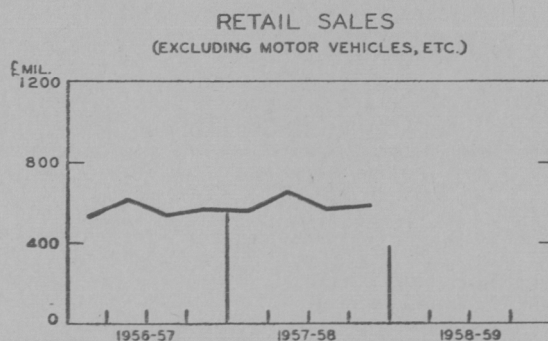
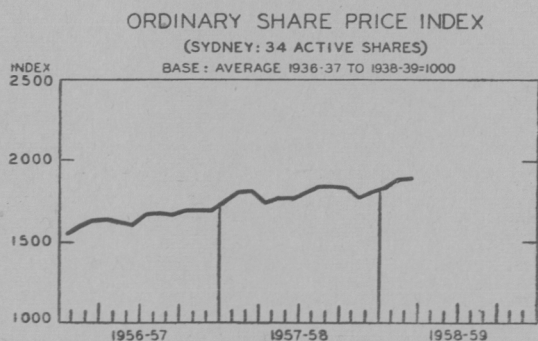
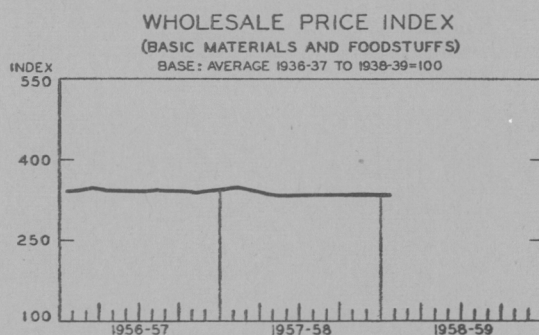
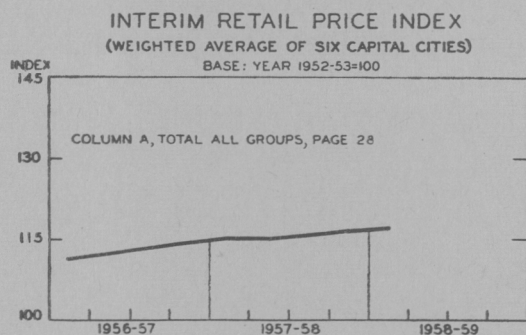
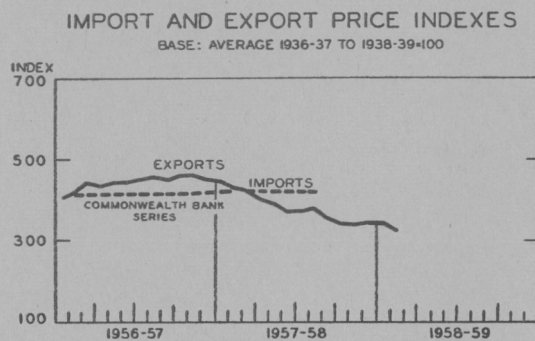
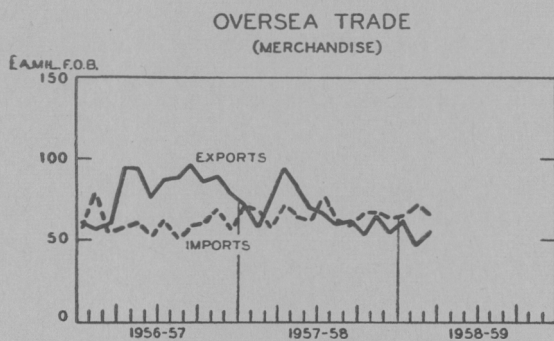
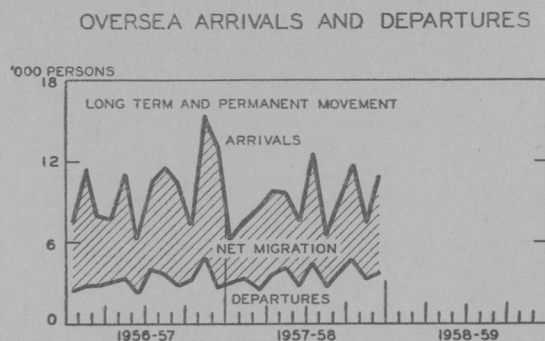
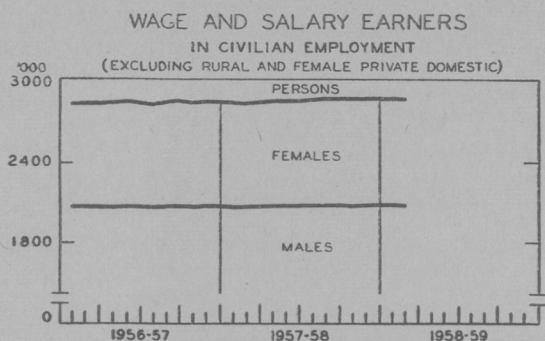
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestic). —End of Month. (a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000).	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses and Flats Commenced.(f)
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Wholesale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
1936-37	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1951-52	1,915	709	2,624	2,145	162.1	404.0	87.5	55.4	9,699	(h)20,231
1952-53	1,876	670	2,546	2,350	158.1	425.5	42.5	70.7	10,040	(h)16,152
1953-54	1,914	695	2,609	2,462	179.5	460.2	56.5	67.7	12,356	(h)19,219
1954-55	1,971	727	2,698	2,572	205.5	505.2	70.1	63.2	17,892	19,309
1955-56	2,067	768	2,835	2,743	221.3	542.1	68.2	64.2	18,881	18,155
1956-57	2,081	779	2,860	2,899	233.2	564.8	59.7	81.1	17,401	17,364
1957-58	2,085	791	2,876			594.2	65.8	67.8	19,160	18,337
Monthly Total—										
1956-57—										
October	2,076	778	2,854	} 2,903 {	254.7	} 620.9 {	57.1	95.3	19,311	} 16,994 {
November	2,085	784	2,869		259.9		59.7	93.6	18,265	
December	2,080	782	2,862		235.2		52.1	76.0	12,071	
January	2,077	776	2,853	} 2,910 {	209.2	} 537.1 {	62.6	87.6	15,406	} 17,125 {
February	2,086	785	2,871		224.9		51.1	89.3	16,433	
March	2,088	787	2,875		233.4		58.6	97.4	17,932	
April	2,080	782	2,862	} 2,921 {	227.8	} 567.0 {	60.8	87.2	16,262	} 18,483 {
May	2,085	782	2,867		252.9		69.1	90.7	21,322	
June	2,085	780	2,865		222.7		55.9	78.1	19,386	
1957-58—										
July	2,080	780	2,860	} 2,975 {	235.3	} 564.0 {	p 70.6	p 70.6	20,078	} 18,920 {
August	2,076	780	2,856		235.3		67.9	58.3	21,333	
September	2,080	783	2,863		254.7		56.9	75.7	19,789	
October	2,081	786	2,867	} 2,996 {	267.4	} 655.6 {	71.9	94.1	18,779	} 17,048 {
November	2,080	793	2,873		265.1		64.3	83.2	17,200	
December	2,079	792	2,871		255.8		61.8	70.3	13,469	
January	2,084	790	2,874	} 568.6 {	211.8	} 568.6 {	77.2	66.7	19,659	} 17,886 {
February	2,088	797	2,885		237.6		62.5	60.1	17,001	
March	2,092	800	2,892		247.0		59.5	61.1	18,273	
April	2,093	796	2,889	} 588.7 {	239.2	} 588.7 {	67.2	53.0	22,059	} 19,493 {
May	2,094	795	2,889		r260.3		66.7	65.0	20,878	
June	2,094	793	2,887		pr244.8		63.2	55.2	21,404	
1958-59—										
July	2,091	793	2,884	} p249.4 {	p249.4	} 63.8 {	63.8	61.2	26,250	} p21,235 {
August	2,087	793	2,880				72.9	47.7	22,283	
September							55.3	22,901		

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. New series from June, 1955. See note (b) page 8.
 (b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33). (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) July, 1939: obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debts to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1950-51 ..	1,368	875	120.3	10.7	6.5	8,804	3,732	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
1951-52 ..	1,598	941	126.8	10.5	6.1	11,626	4,948	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	446.5
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	491.6
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	521.4
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	237.8	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	562.7
1957-58 ..	p1,698	p1,650		13.8	5.6		8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.0
Monthly Total—										
1956-57—						(c)				
September	1,703	1,500	228.6	11.5	4.5	16,094	6,455	1,248.5	778.5	526.1
October ..	1,901	1,538	226.5	13.4	5.5	17,497	8,110	1,281.5	780.2	562.2
November	1,837	1,486	247.7	14.1	5.6	16,712	7,225	1,311.4	771.2	571.2
December	1,271	1,394	247.0	12.0	4.4	14,552	7,611	1,340.6	762.2	589.6
January ..	1,087	1,410	260.4	10.9	3.9	15,027	7,073	1,362.5	744.9	531.0
February	1,625	1,388	237.5	12.1	3.3	14,585	7,312	1,390.9	732.5	590.7
March ..	1,612	1,543	254.5	12.1	5.3	15,347	8,020	1,416.3	725.5	597.1
April ..	1,533	1,502	246.9	11.3	4.7	15,220	7,539	1,395.0	743.5	593.9
May ..	1,778	1,693	250.5	14.6	5.8	16,569	8,457	1,368.7	757.3	597.2
June ..	1,583	1,616	246.8	12.3	5.3	14,454	8,962	1,362.1	766.2	588.8
1957-58—	p	p	p							
July ..	1,913	1,817	264.2	13.0	5.3	15,703	7,423	1,349.6	770.5	600.7
August ..	1,845	1,773	271.7	11.9	5.4	15,763	7,532	1,331.9	762.0	527.5
September	1,824	1,641	261.5	13.4	5.4	15,810	7,503	1,342.2	756.1	577.0
October ..	1,940	1,666	263.9	15.3	6.1	16,484	8,563	1,385.5	765.5	603.3
November	1,831	1,584	246.4	14.6	5.8	15,176	7,510	1,406.6	772.0	608.3
December	1,347	1,530	250.9	14.8	5.4	13,887	8,623	1,431.7	766.3	667.5
January ..	1,233	1,519	269.9	11.1	4.6	13,676	8,469	1,445.7	753.4	512.7
February	1,661	1,468	232.6	13.9	5.5	13,364	7,664	1,443.6	749.6	587.6
March ..	1,670	1,632	265.9	13.7	6.1	15,026	8,055	1,449.6	754.6	609.4
April ..	r1,620	1,589	254.2	15.4	6.2	14,163	7,906	1,414.4	792.2	609.4
May ..	r1,769	1,767	277.6	15.2	6.0	15,227	8,482	1,354.2	819.5	608.2
June ..	r1,708	1,813	263.1	12.8	5.4	14,856	9,046	1,343.0	831.7	603.0
1958-59—										
July ..	2,011	1,968	270.5	13.9	6.1		8,449	1,331.2	844.9	662.7
August ..	1,831		267.2	pr13.6	pr5.5		7,661	1,321.5	838.8	558.2
September	1,797		263.6	p14.7	p5.9		8,512	1,324.0	829.8	597.7

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1948-49	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	(d) 49,826	7,908,066
1949-50	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	8,986,530
1954-55	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
Quarterly Total—							
1954-55—							
June Qtr. ..	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557	9,200,691
1955-56—							
September ..	15,449	53,714	24,209	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,049
December ..	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291
March ..	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962	9,377,253
June ..	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558
1956-57—							
September ..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
December ..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
March ..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June ..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079
1957-58—							
September ..	16,050	56,008	25,695	30,313	16,547	46,860	9,689,939
December ..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March ..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June ..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION : STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1948 ..	3,015,763	2,092,320	1 131,200	661,153	515,074	261,206	12,254	19,791	7,708,761
1949 ..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386	7,908,066
1950 ..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951 ..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954 (a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 ..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424	9,200,691
1956 ..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34 481	9,427,558
1957 ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19 170	c 37,865	9,643,079
1958 ..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140

(a) Census 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows :— (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

"Long term and permanent movement" relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. "Short term movement" relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1948-49	2,007	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	8,057
1949-50	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
Monthly Total—							
1956-57—							
July	2,964	2,909	3,444	3,371	7,551	2,425	5,126
August	4,899	3,167	4,068	4,000	11,353	2,858	8,495
September	5,634	2,568	4,516	3,703	7,917	2,899	5,018
October	5,291	2,761	5,246	4,535	7,749	3,098	4,651
November	5,540	4,462	14,286	6,080	11,063	3,372	7,691
December	5,533	4,079	5,603	13,526	6,219	2,429	3,790
January	5,347	4,437	5,333	6,432	10,731	4,143	6,588
February	4,787	5,010	5,557	5,639	11,577	3,740	7,837
March	4,203	5,007	5,674	5,315	10,601	2,889	7,712
April	3,853	6,206	4,311	5,443	7,409	3,192	4,217
May	3,870	5,792	4,530	5,626	15,378	4,881	10,497
June	3,331	3,545	3,815	3,738	13,053	2,582	10,471
1957-58—							
July	3,901	3,531	3,728	3,949	6,310	3,040	3,270
August	4,424	3,531	4,423	4,118	7,811	3,333	4,478
September	5,028	3,875	4,394	4,045	8,589	2,639	5,950
October	6,142	3,156	4,926	4,265	9,823	3,659	6,164
November	5,866	3,811	5,135	6,260	9,679	4,154	5,525
December	5,265	5,537	6,790	5,255	7,734	2,821	4,913
January	5,641	4,868	5,183	6,054	12,617	4,510	8,107
February	4,555	4,381	5,371	5,052	6,480	2,698	3,782
March	5,264	6,488	5,995	5,993	8,852	3,704	5,148
April	4,280	7,442	5,196	5,621	11,743	4,795	6,948
May	4,008	5,585	4,395	4,971	7,424	3,297	4,127
June	3,752	4,368	3,527	3,983	10,916	3,777	7,139
1958-59—							
July p	4,408	3,916	4,043	3,858	7,794	2,883	4,911

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

('000.)

Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.(b)	Private Employers. (c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fessional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7		133.6
1956—June ..	604.9	1,476.8	2,081.7	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7	187.2
1957—June ..	609.5	1,475.2	2,084.7	56.3	780.6	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0	193.0
1958—June ..	621.8	1,472.1	2,093.9	51.6	788.1	202.3	311.8	132.5	216.3	196.2
1957—May ..	609.2	1,475.7	2,084.9	56.5	780.2	207.8	312.8	129.3	214.7	192.4
June ..	609.5	1,475.2	2,084.7	56.3	780.6	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0	193.0
July ..	609.6	1,470.9	2,080.5	56.1	779.3	206.7	312.0	129.6	212.6	193.1
August ..	608.1	1,468.3	2,076.4	55.1	778.2	204.4	311.1	129.5	213.4	193.4
1958—May ..	620.8	1,473.1	2,093.9	52.4	787.8	202.1	311.3	133.0	216.8	195.8
June ..	621.8	1,472.1	2,093.9	51.6	788.1	202.3	311.8	132.5	216.3	196.2
July ..	621.7	1,468.9	2,090.6	51.5	787.3	201.1	311.5	132.3	215.2	196.1
August ..	620.6	1,466.5	2,087.1	51.5	785.6	199.9	310.4	132.0	216.2	196.1
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9		129.0
1956—June ..	129.8	643.3	773.1	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1	236.5
1957—June ..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	243.4	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3	241.8
1958—June ..	136.6	656.0	792.6	1.1	244.6	5.5	39.9	125.4	92.3	246.2
1957—May ..	132.6	649.8	782.4	1.2	244.5	5.3	40.1	121.9	90.3	242.3
June ..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	243.4	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3	241.8
July ..	133.7	646.0	779.7	1.2	242.5	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.1	241.8
August ..	133.6	646.5	780.1	1.2	242.7	5.3	40.0	121.0	90.1	242.3
1958—May ..	136.3	658.5	794.8	1.1	246.1	5.4	39.9	125.8	92.9	246.2
June ..	136.6	656.0	792.6	1.1	244.6	5.5	39.9	125.4	92.3	246.2
July ..	137.7	655.5	793.2	1.1	243.8	5.5	39.8	125.3	92.2	247.3
August ..	137.5	655.7	793.2	1.1	243.8	5.5	39.9	124.7	92.2	247.8
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6		262.6
1956—June ..	734.7	2,120.1	2,854.8	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8	423.7
1957—June ..	742.3	2,122.6	2,864.9	57.5	1,024.0	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3	434.8
1958—June ..	758.4	2,128.1	2,886.5	52.7	1,032.7	207.8	351.7	257.9	308.6	442.4
1957—May ..	741.8	2,125.5	2,867.3	57.7	1,024.7	213.1	352.9	251.2	305.0	434.7
June ..	742.3	2,122.6	2,864.9	57.5	1,024.0	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3	434.8
July ..	743.3	2,116.9	2,860.2	57.3	1,021.8	212.0	352.1	250.9	302.7	434.9
August ..	741.7	2,114.8	2,856.5	56.3	1,020.9	209.7	351.1	250.5	303.5	435.7
1958—May ..	757.1	2,131.6	2,888.7	53.5	1,033.9	207.5	351.2	258.8	309.7	442.0
June ..	758.4	2,128.1	2,886.5	52.7	1,032.7	207.8	351.7	257.9	308.6	442.4
July ..	759.4	2,124.4	2,883.8	52.6	1,031.1	206.6	351.3	257.6	307.4	443.4
August ..	758.1	2,122.2	2,880.3	52.6	1,029.4	205.4	350.3	256.7	308.4	443.9

(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1956, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (c) New series from June, 1956. See note (b), page 8. (d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)(b)

('000.)

Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1956—June ..	808.5	583.2	282.4	187.9	140.5	65.7	5.0	8.5	2,081.7
1957—June ..	810.1	585.8	283.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.5	8.9	2,084.7
1958—June ..	812.4	592.6	282.3	186.2	138.6	66.7	5.4	9.7	2,093.9
1957—April ..	808.2	585.3	278.9	186.8	139.4	66.6	5.5	8.9	2,079.6
May ..	810.1	585.7	282.4	187.0	138.9	66.5	5.5	8.8	2,084.9
June ..	810.1	585.8	283.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.5	8.9	2,084.7
July ..	809.0	585.1	282.8	185.5	138.0	65.6	5.5	9.0	2,080.5
August ..	806.6	584.3	281.8	185.7	138.1	65.3	5.5	9.1	2,076.4
1958—April ..	814.3	593.5	278.0	185.9	139.0	67.4	5.2	9.6	2,092.9
May ..	813.2	593.7	280.5	185.7	138.7	67.1	5.3	9.7	2,093.9
June ..	812.4	592.6	282.3	186.2	138.6	66.7	5.4	9.7	2,093.9
July ..	811.0	591.4	282.8	186.0	138.0	66.4	5.3	9.7	2,090.6
August ..	809.7	590.1	282.0	185.8	138.3	66.0	5.3	9.9	2,087.1
FEMALES.									
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1956—June ..	305.9	238.5	93.7	62.5	45.1	23.2	1.1	3.1	773.1
1957—June ..	309.3	240.8	96.0	62.3	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.2	780.2
1958—June ..	315.2	243.7	96.1	63.6	45.8	23.6	1.2	3.4	792.6
1957—April ..	309.2	242.3	95.2	63.3	45.0	23.3	1.1	3.2	782.6
May ..	309.8	241.6	95.8	62.5	45.1	23.3	1.1	3.2	782.4
June ..	309.3	240.8	96.0	62.3	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.2	780.2
July ..	309.1	240.4	95.9	62.5	44.8	22.6	1.2	3.2	779.7
August ..	309.8	239.7	96.3	62.4	44.9	22.6	1.2	3.2	780.1
1958—April ..	316.5	245.9	95.7	64.0	45.9	23.6	1.2	3.4	796.2
May ..	316.4	245.0	95.8	63.5	45.9	23.6	1.2	3.4	794.8
June ..	315.2	243.7	96.1	63.6	45.8	23.6	1.2	3.4	792.6
July ..	315.7	243.7	96.5	63.6	45.8	23.2	1.3	3.4	793.2
August ..	315.4	243.5	97.4	63.5	46.1	22.6	1.3	3.4	793.2
PERSONS.									
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1956—June ..	1,114.4	821.7	376.1	250.4	185.6	88.9	6.1	11.6	2,854.8
1957—June ..	1,119.4	826.6	379.6	248.7	182.9	88.9	6.7	12.1	2,864.9
1958—June ..	1,127.6	836.3	378.4	249.8	184.4	90.3	6.6	13.1	2,886.5
1957—April ..	1,117.4	827.6	374.1	250.1	184.4	89.9	6.6	12.1	2,862.2
May ..	1,119.9	827.3	378.2	249.5	184.0	89.8	6.6	12.0	2,867.3
June ..	1,119.4	826.6	379.6	248.7	182.9	88.9	6.7	12.1	2,864.9
July ..	1,118.1	825.5	378.7	248.0	182.8	88.2	6.7	12.2	2,860.2
August ..	1,116.4	824.0	378.1	248.1	183.0	87.9	6.7	12.3	2,856.5
1958—April ..	1,130.8	839.4	373.7	249.9	184.9	91.0	6.4	13.0	2,889.1
May ..	1,129.6	838.7	376.3	249.2	184.6	90.7	6.5	13.1	2,888.7
June ..	1,127.6	836.3	378.4	249.8	184.4	90.3	6.6	13.1	2,886.5
July ..	1,126.7	835.1	379.3	249.6	183.8	89.6	6.6	13.1	2,883.8
August ..	1,125.1	833.6	379.4	249.3	184.4	88.6	6.6	13.3	2,880.3

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.
June, 1956. See note (b), page 8. See also notes on page 6.

(b) New series from

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
										Un-adjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
Average of Monthly Figures—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1950-51 ..	392.2	304.0	90.2	80.7	41.5	22.8	693.0	238.4	931.4	1,772	1,466
1951-52 ..	391.5	310.9	90.0	81.5	42.7	23.0	707.9	231.7	939.6	1,787	1,440
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	419.7	340.9	99.4	89.2	46.1	26.6	777.0	244.9	1,021.9	1,944	1,401
1957-58 ..	427.6	343.1	97.5	89.2	45.9	26.5	784.0	245.8	1,029.8	1,959	1,381
At end of Month—											
1956-57—											
August ..	415.5	339.3	101.0	88.8	45.6	26.2	775.0	241.4	1,016.4	1,933	1,404
September ..	416.9	338.7	101.3	88.6	46.1	26.0	773.9	243.7	1,017.6	1,936	1,403
October ..	419.2	340.0	100.9	88.4	46.1	26.0	774.9	245.7	1,020.6	1,941	1,404
November ..	420.3	341.2	101.1	88.5	46.0	26.1	777.6	245.6	1,023.2	1,946	1,405
December ..	418.2	339.3	96.9	88.7	45.9	26.6	772.9	242.7	1,015.6	1,932	1,392
January ..	419.5	338.8	94.5	91.4	46.0	27.5	774.0	243.7	1,017.7	1,936	1,393
February ..	422.4	343.9	98.3	90.8	46.5	27.0	780.1	248.8	1,028.9	1,957	1,405
March ..	423.7	346.0	99.0	90.3	46.8	26.8	781.4	251.2	1,032.6	1,964	1,407
April ..	421.5	342.5	97.8	89.2	46.3	26.7	777.7	246.3	1,024.0	1,948	1,393
May ..	422.3	341.3	99.5	88.5	46.3	26.8	780.2	244.5	1,024.7	1,949	1,391
June ..	422.1	340.3	101.1	88.3	45.8	26.4	780.6	243.4	1,024.0	1,948	1,387
1957-58—											
July ..	421.6	339.4	101.0	88.1	45.6	26.1	779.3	242.5	1,021.8	1,944	1,383
August ..	421.4	339.1	100.6	88.3	45.6	25.9	778.2	242.7	1,020.9	1,942	1,379
September ..	424.3	339.6	100.1	88.8	46.0	25.6	780.9	243.5	1,024.4	1,948	1,382
October ..	426.3	341.8	99.3	88.8	46.1	25.6	782.6	245.3	1,027.9	1,955	1,384
November ..	428.4	342.8	96.7	88.5	46.3	25.7	782.8	245.6	1,028.4	1,956	1,381
December ..	427.5	341.7	92.9	89.0	46.1	26.7	779.9	244.0	1,023.9	1,948	1,373
January ..	427.3	344.8	93.6	90.5	46.1	27.3	784.2	245.4	1,029.6	1,958	1,378
February ..	430.5	347.6	95.9	89.9	46.0	26.8	787.1	249.6	1,036.7	1,972	1,385
March ..	431.8	349.5	96.6	90.5	46.0	26.8	789.4	251.8	1,041.2	1,981	1,388
April ..	431.5	345.7	96.2	89.6	45.6	27.2	787.8	248.0	1,035.8	1,970	1,378
May ..	430.9	343.6	97.7	88.9	45.6	27.2	787.8	246.1	1,033.9	1,966	1,373
June ..	430.1	341.7	99.1	89.3	45.4	27.1	788.1	244.6	1,032.7	1,964	1,370
1958-59—											
July ..	430.0	340.6	99.8	89.2	44.8	26.7	787.3	243.8	1,031.1	1,961	1,365
August ..	429.7	340.0	100.0	88.9	44.8	26.0	785.6	243.8	1,029.4	1,958	1,360

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Since issue No. 246 the old series of estimated employment in factories has been replaced, commencing with 1950-51, by a series showing actual monthly employment in factories as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories to June, 1957, with interim estimates for subsequent months. Adoption of this new series entails adopting also new series for "Total Private Employment" and "Total Employment" for males, females and persons on pages 6 and 7.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Average of Monthly Figures—										
1951-52.. ..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7	
1952-53.. ..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6	
1953-54.. ..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2	
1954-55.. ..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5	
1955-56.. ..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7	
1956-57.. ..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.0	122.7	252.7	
1957-58.. ..	98.9	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.2	125.0	257.2	
At end of Month—										
1956-57—										
August	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	129.0	121.0	250.0	
September ..	94.9	70.8	31.5	24.8	19.4	7.7	128.7	121.1	249.8	
October	95.3	71.2	31.9	24.9	19.6	7.8	129.2	122.2	251.4	
November ..	99.1	72.9	32.7	25.2	19.7	7.9	131.9	126.5	258.4	
December ..	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	134.8	130.0	264.8	
January	96.1	71.1	32.1	25.0	19.9	8.1	130.2	122.9	253.1	
February ..	95.3	70.9	31.9	24.7	19.8	8.0	129.7	121.6	251.3	
March	95.2	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.8	7.9	129.1	121.2	250.3	
April	94.7	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.6	8.0	128.8	120.7	249.5	
May	95.5	70.7	32.1	24.4	19.9	7.9	129.3	121.9	251.2	
June	95.0	70.7	32.2	24.4	19.8	7.9	129.4	121.3	250.7	
1957-58—										
July	95.4	70.7	32.2	24.3	19.8	7.8	129.6	121.3	250.9	
August	95.8	70.3	32.1	24.3	19.5	7.7	129.5	121.0	250.5	
September ..	96.5	71.0	32.3	24.4	19.6	7.7	130.0	122.1	252.1	
October	98.3	71.5	32.5	24.4	19.6	7.6	130.8	123.9	254.7	
November ..	103.0	73.8	33.4	25.2	20.1	7.8	134.0	129.9	263.9	
December ..	104.2	75.5	33.1	25.1	20.6	8.1	136.2	131.2	267.4	
January	99.5	72.9	32.5	24.9	20.3	7.8	133.1	125.5	258.6	
February ..	99.3	72.7	32.3	24.7	20.1	7.8	133.2	124.6	257.8	
March	98.6	72.6	32.1	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.4	124.2	256.6	
April	98.4	72.8	32.2	24.7	20.1	7.7	132.3	124.4	256.7	
May	99.5	73.2	32.5	24.6	20.4	7.7	133.0	125.8	258.8	
June	98.7	73.3	32.4	24.5	20.3	7.7	132.5	125.4	257.9	
1958-59—										
July	98.9	73.2	32.3	24.4	20.4	7.6	132.3	125.3	257.6	
August	98.2	73.1	32.2	24.4	20.3	7.5	132.0	124.7	256.7	

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Figures subject to revision. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.			New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).									
1950-51	..	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	..	..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	..	..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	..	..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1956-57	..	..	20,167	14,111	6,218	4,387	2,979	1,596	49,458
1955-56—									
December	Qtr.	..	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March	..	..	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June	..	..	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57—									
September	..	..	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December	..	..	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
March	..	..	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
June	..	..	20,595	14,441	6,304	4,456	3,005	1,660	50,461
1957-58—									
September	..	..	20,493	14,372	6,356	4,495	3,101	1,548	50,365
December	..	..	21,896	15,343	6,675	4,672	3,176	1,644	53,406
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)									
1950-51	..	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	..	..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	..	..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	..	..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1956-57	..	..	19.20	19.13	16.24	17.70	17.02	17.73	18.43
1955-56—									
December	Qtr.	..	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March	..	..	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June	..	..	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57—									
September	..	..	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December	..	..	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
March	..	..	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67
June	..	..	19.60	19.54	16.46	17.94	17.18	18.30	18.78
1957-58—									
September	..	..	19.51	19.48	16.54	18.16	17.80	17.37	18.77
December	..	..	20.74	20.67	17.64	18.87	18.12	18.39	19.86

(a) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences. The series is subject to revision.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special. (b)
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures—											
1948-49(c) ..	d 282	32	1,094	(e) 15	121	31	(f)	(g)	1,575	7,614	591
1949-50(c) ..	d 8,327	123	1,371	(e) 241	155	30	(f)	(g)	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51(c) ..	d 287	71	326	(e) 6	59	14	(f)	(g)	763	7,059	863
1951-52 ..	d 949	220	1,374	(e) 24	64	16	(f)	(g)	2,647	6,454	993
1952-53 ..	d 17,590	6,168	4,281	(e) 842	841	262	(f)	(g)	29,984	7,140	1,408
1953-54 ..	d 6,495	2,698	3,169	(e) 252	406	212	(f)	(g)	13,232	7,994	1,868
1954-55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012
1957-58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107
Last Saturday of Month—											
1956-57—											
September	3,208	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	..	12	9,614	7,288	1,998
October ..	3,126	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	..	7	9,545	7,261	1,986
November	3,308	3,085	821	770	1,666	92	1	16	9,759	7,137	1,962
December	4,329	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	..	36	13,277	6,520	1,967
January ..	4,168	3,493	4,083	702	2,244	88	1	23	14,802	6,515	2,053
February	4,327	2,677	4,218	462	1,930	71	..	9	13,694	6,808	2,076
March ..	4,311	2,771	3,802	481	1,607	94	..	11	13,077	7,112	2,063
April ..	5,230	3,772	3,876	631	1,804	126	..	14	15,453	6,506	2,008
May ..	5,378	4,057	3,009	835	1,803	236	..	7	15,325	6,896	1,985
June ..	6,230	5,073	2,851	1,054	2,441	410	..	12	18,071	6,845	1,971
1957-58—											
July ..	7,318	5,887	2,411	1,345	2,772	543	..	15	20,291	6,813	1,970
August ..	7,878	5,618	2,216	1,320	2,458	665	..	20	20,175	7,176	1,965
September	7,177	5,271	2,458	1,233	2,120	695	2	19	18,975	7,305	1,997
October ..	6,446	4,661	2,585	1,240	2,075	662	2	17	17,688	7,309	2,050
November	7,005	4,390	4,450	1,418	1,865	594	2	24	19,748	7,343	2,097
December	8,900	4,695	7,801	1,568	2,393	591	2	55	26,005	6,815	2,150
January ..	9,835	4,974	9,357	1,518	2,596	434	4	37	28,755	6,858	2,168
February	9,575	4,085	9,431	1,425	2,257	326	19	45	27,163	7,464	2,180
March ..	8,673	4,135	7,814	1,521	2,018	243	33	48	24,485	7,299	2,153
April ..	9,533	5,006	7,831	1,873	2,214	296	23	35	26,811	7,381	2,191
May ..	10,465	5,894	5,799	2,075	2,543	459	10	37	27,282	7,970	2,216
June ..	11,669	6,899	4,905	2,258	3,005	639	9	34	29,418	8,001	2,149
1958-59—											
July ..	12,054	7,442	3,907	2,385	3,363	712	8	44	29,915	8,044	2,093
August ..	11,309	7,435	3,176	2,204	3,219	891	3	41	28,278	8,703	2,091
September	10,587	6,735	2,984	1,930	2,875	849	3	39	26,002	8,472	2,040

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.

(b) Excludes migrants in reception and training centres.

(c) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act* 1947-1957.

(d) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes the Northern Territory.

(f) Included with

South Australia. (g) Included with New South Wales.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a)			Amount paid in Benefits during Month				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem- ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants. (b)	Ordinary.	
				£	£	£	£	£
Monthly Average—								
1948-49.. ..	955	56	1,011	11,570	66,319	7,088	4,225	89,202
1949-50.. ..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51.. ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52.. ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952-53.. ..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953-54.. ..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954-55.. ..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955-56.. ..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956-57.. ..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
1957-58.. ..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	13,275	32,868	610,895
Monthly Total—								
1956-57—								
September(c) ..	6,289	985	7,274	137,539	122,136	5,042	22,366	287,083
October ..	4,703	828	5,531	145,851	137,133	1,789	27,377	312,150
November ..	4,564	987	5,551	128,343	108,286	1,647	24,028	262,304
December(c) ..	7,480	1,071	8,551	119,325	106,912	3,925	24,167	254,329
January ..	8,069	849	8,918	247,430	133,027	4,747	31,168	416,372
February ..	7,755	1,245	9,000	222,303	116,006	4,956	31,777	375,042
March(c) ..	6,907	1,467	8,374	193,234	117,846	7,286	25,130	343,496
April ..	7,319	1,364	8,683	172,388	105,214	7,762	24,025	309,389
May ..	6,893	1,323	8,216	230,126	135,683	10,889	30,128	406,826
June(c) ..	10,135	2,143	12,278	256,044	148,461	18,573	31,609	454,687
1957-58—								
July ..	9,165	1,959	11,124	256,170	100,619	28,874	22,636	408,299
August(c) ..	10,309	1,755	12,064	322,989	145,700	20,775	26,473	515,937
September ..	7,272	1,370	8,642	274,373	114,295	16,827	22,881	428,376
October ..	6,219	1,305	7,524	273,086	126,589	14,961	23,588	438,224
November(c) ..	9,264	1,814	11,078	365,919	191,174	10,652	38,818	606,563
December ..	12,152	1,433	13,585	379,388	149,356	14,050	31,159	573,953
January ..	11,983	1,536	13,519	563,367	159,991	13,039	36,880	773,277
February ..	10,562	2,300	12,862	585,502	161,223	17,866	36,313	800,904
March(c) ..	10,629	2,661	13,290	479,702	179,936	5,594	39,326	704,558
April ..	9,264	2,508	11,772	450,781	167,238	7,175	37,634	662,828
May ..	12,160	3,248	15,408	515,038	188,744	6,289	43,205	753,276
June ..	10,432	2,577	13,009	453,460	172,398	3,198	35,493	664,549
1958-59—								
July ..	9,983	2,466	12,449	490,555	170,695	5,085	32,698	699,033
August(c) ..	10,951	2,724	13,675	564,067	206,765	5,581	37,461	813,874
September ..	7,611	1,966	9,577	474,595	187,927	2,282	34,092	698,896

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.
 (b) In reception and training centres. (c) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1949-50 to 1957-58 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the year 1952-53 were obtained from a Census taken in respect of that year, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1949-50 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

Period.	Gro- ceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery and Foot- wear.	Hard- ware.(c)	Electri- cal Goods. (d)	Furni- ture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(e)
Quarterly Average—											
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0	16.6	10.9	13.6	51.1	276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1	22.8	16.2	19.2	63.1	342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9	27.4	19.4	19.0	76.9	404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.4	31.9	51.7	43.2	88.8	28.4	19.0	18.2	78.9	425.5	104.3
1953-54 ..	68.8	33.4	55.9	46.7	96.9	31.2	22.8	20.3	84.2	460.2	122.9
1954-55 ..	76.5	36.6	61.6	50.7	105.5	35.7	25.1	21.7	91.8	505.2	145.6
1955-56 ..	84.0	39.6	67.2	54.9	109.4	38.3	26.6	23.1	99.0	542.1	157.6
1956-57 ..	88.0	42.7	70.1	58.9	110.7	38.5	28.4	23.2	104.3	564.8	159.4
1957-58 ..	93.1	43.5	73.7	61.9	114.4	39.8	34.0	24.6	109.2	594.2	178.0
Quarterly Total—											
1952-53—											
June Qtr. ..	66.6	32.7	52.2	42.0	97.7	29.3	18.0	18.2	76.4	433.1	110.3
1953-54—											
Sept. " ..	67.9	33.4	53.0	41.9	88.0	29.6	20.1	19.6	78.9	432.4	113.6
Dec. " ..	72.9	33.8	58.5	51.9	111.4	34.9	28.0	22.8	96.6	510.8	127.3
Mar. " ..	65.6	32.7	56.0	48.3	82.7	28.7	22.1	18.1	78.6	432.8	117.4
June " ..	68.7	34.0	56.2	44.6	105.5	31.5	21.0	20.5	82.8	464.8	133.4
1954-55—											
Sept. " ..	72.3	35.9	58.2	45.4	97.3	34.3	23.1	21.8	82.3	470.6	141.5
Dec. " ..	80.7	36.5	64.1	53.7	120.2	39.2	30.8	24.6	104.8	554.6	149.0
Mar. " ..	74.2	35.9	62.2	53.6	90.0	33.6	24.0	19.3	87.7	480.5	137.3
June " ..	78.8	38.1	62.1	50.0	114.5	35.6	22.6	21.2	92.3	515.2	154.7
1955-56—											
Sept. " ..	81.3	38.4	63.6	49.2	103.1	37.7	25.1	23.4	92.0	513.8	160.8
Dec. " ..	86.3	39.3	69.9	58.7	125.5	42.2	33.0	25.7	115.9	596.5	164.1
Mar. " ..	83.8	39.3	68.9	57.0	93.1	35.7	24.6	20.7	92.4	515.5	151.1
June " ..	84.5	41.6	66.3	54.8	115.9	37.8	23.5	22.5	95.8	542.7	154.2
1956-57—											
Sept. " ..	86.8	42.1	67.7	53.3	102.3	36.7	24.5	23.0	97.7	534.1	153.8
Dec. " ..	92.0	42.7	72.6	64.2	128.3	42.7	34.0	26.0	118.4	620.9	165.0
Mar. " ..	84.9	42.4	70.2	60.6	95.7	36.6	26.6	21.1	99.0	537.1	153.9
June " ..	88.3	43.6	70.1	57.5	116.5	38.0	28.4	22.6	102.0	567.0	164.9
1957-58—											
Sept. " ..	90.1	44.3	69.9	56.8	107.2	38.3	29.8	24.5	103.1	564.0	169.6
Dec. " ..	96.1	42.7	77.5	69.0	134.1	44.6	38.8	27.4	125.4	655.6	186.8
Mar. " ..	92.0	42.7	74.8	63.6	96.5	38.0	34.4	22.6	104.0	568.6	174.3
June " ..	94.4	44.3	72.8	58.3	119.9	38.1	32.8	23.9	104.2	588.7	181.1

(a) Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	25,405	17,709	697	10,464	412	59
1956-57	26,374	18,715	710	11,388	432	61
1957-58	29,755	21,429	720	13,099	440	61
Monthly Total—						
1957-58—						
September	27,764	19,382	698	11,790	425	61
October	30,905	21,816	706	13,320	431	61
November	30,614	22,031	720	13,464	440	61
December	31,816	23,115	727	14,184	446	61
January	28,983	20,283	700	12,489	431	62
February	28,012	20,505	732	12,448	444	61
March	30,462	22,594	742	13,745	451	61
April	31,347	23,190	740	14,107	450	61
May	32,550	24,031	738	14,697	452	61
June	29,530	21,534	729	13,243	448	61
1958-59—						
July p	32,248	23,133	717	14,088	437	61
August p	30,588	21,665	708	13,299	435	61
September p	34,027	24,163	710	14,862	437	62
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	1,583	991	626	615	389	62
1956-57	1,919	1,228	640	769	401	63
1957-58	1,943	1,328	683	851	438	64
Monthly Total—						
1957-58—						
September	1,650	1,229	745	783	475	64
October	1,995	1,573	788	974	488	62
November	2,493	1,765	708	1,090	437	62
December	2,076	1,501	723	960	462	64
January	1,684	1,204	715	787	467	65
February	2,090	1,345	644	883	422	66
March	2,142	1,308	611	848	396	65
April	2,056	1,331	647	868	422	65
May	2,331	1,560	669	1,019	437	65
June	1,757	1,061	604	679	386	64
1958-59—						
July p	2,045	1,353	662	880	430	65
August p	1,988	1,259	633	830	416	66
September p	2,388	1,792	750	1,159	485	65

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	57,229	4,329	76	3,515	61	81
1956-57	57,459	4,445	77	3,566	62	80
1957-58	68,618	6,977	102	5,648	82	81
Monthly Total—						
1957-58—						
September	59,412	5,774	97	4,702	79	81
October	64,713	6,685	103	5,404	84	81
November	72,023	7,248	101	5,872	82	81
December	82,540	7,791	94	6,316	77	81
January	71,940	7,340	102	5,925	82	81
February	68,416	7,227	106	5,814	85	80
March	73,663	8,174	111	6,582	89	81
April	67,111	7,086	106	5,755	86	81
May	74,979	8,088	108	6,613	88	82
June	67,643	6,956	103	5,653	84	81
1958-59—						
July p	69,830	7,152	102	5,889	84	82
August p	64,979	6,862	106	5,630	87	82
September p	69,099	7,208	104	5,884	85	82
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).						
Monthly Average—						
1955-56	84,217	23,029	273	14,594	173	63
1956-57	85,752	24,388	284	15,723	183	64
1957-58	100,316	29,734	296	19,598	195	66
Monthly Total—						
1957-58—						
September	88,826	26,385	297	17,275	194	65
October	97,613	30,074	308	19,698	202	65
November	105,130	31,044	295	20,426	194	66
December	116,432	32,407	278	21,460	184	66
January	102,607	28,827	281	19,201	187	67
February	98,518	29,077	295	19,145	194	66
March	106,267	32,076	302	21,175	199	66
April	100,514	31,607	314	20,730	206	66
May	109,860	33,679	307	22,329	203	66
June	98,930	29,551	299	19,575	198	66
1958-59—						
July p	104,123	31,638	304	20,857	200	66
August p	97,555	29,786	305	19,759	203	66
September p	105,514	33,163	314	21,905	208	66

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1953—							
30th September(d) ..	37,628	21,957	16,187	9,502	7,372	3,426	96,072
31st December(d) ..	43,120	25,407	18,489	11,068	8,415	3,865	110,364
1954—							
31st March ..	46,914	27,615	19,802	11,998	8,957	4,232	119,518
30th June ..	50,779	30,806	22,489	13,380	10,154	4,772	132,380
30th September ..	54,340	34,240	24,193	15,132	11,382	5,274	144,561
31st December ..	61,283	38,877	26,667	17,023	12,525	5,918	162,293
1955—							
31st March ..	65,319	41,843	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,137
30th June ..	69,067	44,590	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,693
30th September ..	75,174	48,283	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,223
31st December ..	79,654	53,180	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,176
1956—							
31st March ..	78,770	55,030	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,534
30th April ..	78,516	55,365	32,253	21,413	15,696	8,067	211,310
31st May ..	78,830	55,792	32,220	21,514	15,521	8,157	212,034
30th June ..	78,992	56,025	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,452
31st July ..	79,211	56,433	32,772	21,829	15,274	8,249	213,768
31st August ..	79,840	57,110	33,384	22,306	15,264	8,362	216,266
30th September ..	80,724	57,748	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,477	218,959
31st October ..	81,700	58,617	34,783	23,350	15,427	8,632	222,509
30th November ..	82,415	59,972	35,478	24,148	15,640	8,804	226,457
31st December ..	83,730	61,023	36,089	24,751	15,877	9,004	230,474
1957—							
31st January ..	84,009	61,182	36,366	25,129	15,783	8,959	231,428
28th February ..	83,834	61,315	36,486	25,243	15,416	8,938	231,232
31st March ..	83,617	61,866	36,608	25,226	15,331	9,011	231,659
30th April ..	83,972	62,231	36,795	25,164	15,448	8,972	232,582
31st May ..	84,311	63,011	36,908	25,306	15,519	9,024	234,079
30th June ..	85,131	64,045	36,934	25,349	15,488	9,010	235,957
31st July ..	85,894	65,030	37,063	25,369	15,558	8,996	237,910
31st August ..	86,696	66,385	37,484	25,553	15,760	8,985	240,863
30th September ..	88,364	67,434	37,962	25,800	15,982	8,971	244,513
31st October ..	90,400	69,189	38,236	26,158	16,399	9,036	249,418
30th November ..	92,948	71,439	39,091	26,661	16,902	9,225	256,266
31st December ..	96,134	74,138	40,195	27,350	17,470	9,469	264,756
1958—							
31st January ..	98,152	75,795	40,535	27,711	17,828	9,611	269,632
28th February ..	100,189	77,622	40,822	27,834	17,821	9,663	273,951
31st March ..	102,815	79,144	41,131	27,821	18,060	9,806	278,777
30th April ..	105,610	81,617	41,434	28,272	18,471	9,942	285,346
31st May ..	109,290	83,915	42,004	28,591	18,828	9,955	292,583
30th June ..	111,270	85,008	42,398	28,742	19,052	9,961	296,431
31st July p ..	113,964	86,170	42,797	28,857	19,056	9,975	300,819
31st August p ..	116,533	87,153	43,244	29,032	19,219	10,059	305,240
30th September p ..	118,873	89,035	44,136	29,458	19,420	10,198	311,120

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes the Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance businesses. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

For meaning of symbols p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1946-47	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24.6	42.2	66.8
1947-48	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26.2	53.3	79.5
1948-49	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.3	63.1	93.4
1949-50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38.0	72.2	110.2
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	45.6	94.9	140.5
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52.0	110.1	162.1
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.3	111.8	158.1
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.3	122.2	179.5
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.9	141.6	205.5
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65.1	168.1	233.2

Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.								Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
								8½%	10%	12½%
								16½%	25%	30%
1957-58—										
July ..	..	..	11.8	27.9	8.5	7.0	9.4	64.6	170.7	235.3
August ..	..	..	12.6	28.7	8.2	7.1	6.8	63.4	171.9	235.3
September ..	..	11.4	2.0	30.6	10.4	7.5	14.1	76.0	178.7	254.7
October ..	..	15.2	..	33.8	9.9	7.7	12.1	78.7	188.7	267.4
November ..	..	16.7	..	34.6	10.1	7.8	11.8	81.0	184.1	265.1
December ..	..	17.2	..	35.3	9.1	8.4	10.7	80.7	175.1	255.8
January ..	..	10.9	..	25.8	8.4	5.4	8.8	59.3	152.5	211.8
February ..	..	12.7	..	29.4	9.4	6.7	11.2	69.4	168.2	237.6
March ..	..	13.3	..	29.9	9.7	7.1	11.6	71.6	r176.1	r247.7
April ..	..	12.2	..	27.8	9.0	7.0	11.7	67.7	171.5	239.2
May r	..	13.8	..	28.5	9.8	7.8	12.1	72.0	188.3	260.3
June(a) r	..	11.8	..	26.8	9.0	6.6	10.9	65.1	179.7	244.8
1958-59—										
July(a)	..	13.3	..	29.9	8.9	7.3	10.4	69.8	179.6	249.4

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants. (d)		Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)		Munitions and War Stores.				
	Building and Construction.	Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.				Total. (c)									
				Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>a</i> ^b		Other. (c)											
				Class Ia.		Class Ib.		Class Ic (5).		Class Ic (1-4).		CLASS I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.
Monthly Average—			%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	(f)	(f)	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4	
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3	
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9	
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6	(f)	(f)	32,889	37.6	38,305	43.8	5,902	6.8	5,458	6.2	1,132	1.3	
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9			14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5	1,951	4.6	755	1.8	
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6	
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9	
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8			5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4	1,071
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2	
1957-58 p—	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,149	41.3	34,566	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0	
Monthly Total—																	
1956-57—																	
August ..	2,683	3.4	631	0.8	7,486	9.5	29,679	37.7	40,479	51.4	2,826	3.6	3,116	4.0	1,581	2.0	
September ..	2,298	4.3	652	1.2	3,915	7.3	20,316	37.9	27,181	50.7	2,602	4.8	1,948	3.6	698	1.3	
October ..	2,166	3.8	648	1.1	4,443	7.8	22,202	38.9	29,459	51.6	2,704	4.7	2,293	4.0	1,108	1.9	
November ..	2,352	4.0	591	1.0	4,827	8.1	23,840	39.9	31,610	53.0	3,208	5.4	1,819	3.0	727	1.2	
December ..	2,021	3.9	490	1.0	2,970	5.7	22,046	42.4	27,527	53.0	1,789	3.4	2,203	4.2	523	1.0	
January ..	2,440	3.9	432	0.7	3,022	4.8	27,719	44.2	33,613	53.6	2,274	3.6	1,935	3.1	918	1.5	
February ..	1,407	2.8	406	0.8	3,067	6.0	22,742	44.6	27,622	54.2	2,017	4.0	1,996	4.0	739	1.5	
March ..	1,818	3.1	611	1.0	3,853	6.6	23,920	40.8	30,202	51.5	1,970	3.4	2,019	3.4	682	1.2	
April ..	1,999	3.3	570	0.9	3,947	6.5	25,282	41.5	31,798	52.2	2,525	4.1	2,576	4.2	431	0.7	
May ..	1,770	2.6	652	0.9	4,891	7.1	31,399	45.4	38,712	56.0	2,468	3.6	2,513	3.6	805	1.2	
June ..	1,799	3.2	538	1.0	4,377	7.8	24,815	44.4	31,529	56.4	1,783	3.2	1,430	2.6	481	0.9	
1957-58 p—																	
July ..	2,135	3.0	690	1.0	4,687	6.7	30,324	42.9	37,836	53.6	2,371	3.4	2,793	4.0	718	1.0	
August ..	1,846	2.7	728	1.1	4,801	7.1	28,144	41.5	35,519	52.4	2,471	3.6	2,185	3.2	742	1.2	
September ..	1,151	2.0	516	0.9	3,655	6.4	23,872	42.0	29,194	51.3	1,324	2.3	2,077	3.7	588	1.1	
October ..	2,077	2.9	529	0.7	5,130	7.1	30,297	42.2	38,033	52.9	2,423	3.4	3,265	4.5	725	1.2	
November ..	2,086	3.2	463	0.7	5,900	9.2	25,325	39.4	33,774	52.5	2,152	3.4	2,176	3.4	625	1.0	
December ..	1,642	2.6	535	0.9	4,294	7.0	24,412	39.5	30,883	50.0	1,642	2.7	1,912	3.1	675	1.1	
January ..	2,298	3.0	661	0.9	5,702	7.4	32,464	42.0	41,125	53.3	2,205	2.9	2,472	3.2	258	0.3	
February ..	2,116	3.4	981	1.5	4,944	7.9	25,469	40.8	33,510	53.6	2,251	3.6	1,879	3.0	429	0.7	
March ..	2,043	3.4	909	1.5	3,111	5.2	24,167	40.7	30,230	50.8	1,598	2.7	1,792	3.0	672	1.1	
April ..	1,829	2.7	1,340	2.0	3,546	5.3	29,787	44.3	36,502	54.3	1,258	1.9	2,477	3.7	828	1.2	
May ..	1,874	2.8	851	1.3	5,943	8.9	25,310	38.0	33,978	51.0	2,805	4.2	1,918	2.9	645	1.0	
June ..	2,036	3.2	656	1.0	5,296	8.4	26,220	41.5	34,208	54.1	1,812	2.9	1,732	2.7	1,210	2.0	
1958-59 p—																	
July ..	2,075	3.2	823	1.3	4,642	7.3	26,596	41.7	34,136	53.5	1,556	2.4	1,772	2.8	867	1.3	
August ..	1,722	2.4	599	0.8	7,156	9.8	28,715	39.4	38,192	52.4	1,926	2.6	2,230	3.1	518	0.7	

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955; excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

For meaning of symbols p, — see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other.		Total.	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V. B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI. A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI. E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,942	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	9,896	11.3	14,119	16.1
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4	4,751	11.2
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9	9,840	17.4
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	19.0
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 p—	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,917	13.6	11,869	18.0
Monthly Total—														
1956-57—														
August ..	13,676	17.3	1,578	2.0	1,547	2.0	2,807	3.6	502	0.6	10,662	13.5	13,971	17.7
September ..	8,542	15.9	1,121	2.1	2,473	4.6	2,139	4.0	264	0.5	6,721	12.5	9,124	17.0
October ..	8,822	15.5	845	1.5	1,841	3.2	2,054	3.6	370	0.7	7,593	13.3	10,017	17.6
November ..	9,975	16.7	970	1.7	1,270	2.1	2,102	3.5	267	0.4	7,740	13.0	10,109	16.9
December ..	8,220	15.8	771	1.5	1,783	3.4	2,039	3.9	192	0.4	7,016	13.4	9,247	17.7
January ..	10,290	16.4	823	1.3	1,297	2.1	3,468	5.5	302	0.5	7,675	12.4	11,445	18.4
February ..	8,762	17.2	862	1.7	982	1.9	2,313	4.5	241	0.5	5,531	10.5	8,035	15.5
March ..	10,952	18.7	793	1.3	1,793	3.1	2,876	4.9	306	0.5	7,021	12.0	10,203	17.4
April ..	10,678	17.6	736	1.2	1,739	2.9	2,813	4.6	297	0.5	7,217	12.0	10,327	17.1
May ..	12,363	17.9	1,054	1.5	1,078	1.5	1,944	2.8	252	0.4	7,933	11.5	10,129	14.7
June ..	9,573	17.1	826	1.5	1,306	2.3	1,870	3.3	168	0.3	6,910	12.4	8,948	16.0
1957-58 p—														
July ..	12,911	18.2	1,377	2.0	1,456	2.0	1,887	2.7	332	0.5	8,916	12.6	11,135	15.8
August ..	12,478	18.4	1,241	1.8	1,886	2.7	1,921	2.8	320	0.5	9,146	13.4	11,387	16.7
September ..	10,832	19.0	1,031	1.8	903	1.6	1,919	3.4	440	0.8	8,605	15.0	10,964	19.2
October ..	11,482	16.0	1,045	1.5	1,575	2.0	3,397	4.7	366	0.5	9,570	13.3	13,333	18.5
November ..	11,459	17.8	987	1.5	1,301	2.0	2,858	4.4	326	0.5	8,650	13.5	11,834	18.4
December ..	12,302	19.9	884	1.4	2,223	3.6	2,589	4.2	412	0.7	8,237	13.3	11,238	18.2
January ..	14,701	19.0	1,097	1.4	2,053	2.7	2,773	3.6	646	0.8	9,865	12.8	13,284	17.2
February ..	11,226	18.0	973	1.6	767	1.1	2,892	4.6	545	0.9	8,025	12.9	11,462	18.4
March ..	12,307	20.7	998	1.7	810	1.4	2,170	3.6	601	1.0	8,297	14.0	11,068	18.6
April ..	11,785	17.5	1,002	1.5	965	1.4	2,928	4.4	511	0.8	8,976	13.3	12,415	18.5
May ..	12,167	18.2	1,076	1.6	1,281	1.9	3,048	4.6	352	0.5	9,388	14.1	12,788	19.2
June ..	10,822	17.1	858	1.3	1,014	1.6	1,888	3.0	301	0.5	9,398	14.8	11,587	18.3
1958-59 p—														
July ..	10,141	15.9	750	1.2	3,471	5.4	2,814	4.4	403	0.7	7,934	12.4	11,151	17.5
August ..	13,657	18.7	1,030	1.4	832	1.1	3,414	4.7	538	0.7	10,610	14.6	14,562	20.0

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 18. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class 1c.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	25,729	359	1,446	12,314	8,147	13,933	65,399	87,479
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 p ..	11,597	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,910	12,197	10,089	43,514	65,800
Monthly Total—										
1956-57—										
August ..	10,031	6,516	23,932	404	1,905	11,662	10,435	12,791	55,548	78,774
September ..	8,996	4,177	14,008	548	1,250	7,326	9,544	9,052	35,093	53,689
October ..	10,095	4,279	15,085	426	1,038	8,553	10,521	9,046	37,522	57,089
November ..	11,398	3,832	16,380	354	1,240	8,515	11,752	9,401	38,535	59,688
December ..	10,858	3,657	13,012	613	1,071	7,563	11,471	7,409	33,183	52,063
January ..	12,274	5,120	16,219	572	2,314	8,559	12,846	10,798	38,951	62,595
February ..	10,511	4,162	12,949	405	1,544	6,136	10,916	8,599	31,550	51,065
March ..	10,671	4,467	15,064	687	1,755	7,761	11,358	9,233	38,023	58,614
April ..	10,220	5,443	16,135	572	1,760	7,995	10,792	10,835	39,183	60,810
May ..	13,494	6,022	19,196	538	1,102	8,489	14,032	10,846	44,244	69,122
June ..	10,016	4,826	16,687	465	965	7,518	10,481	8,618	36,777	55,876
1957-58 p—										
July ..	12,119	6,433	19,284	464	1,021	9,650	12,583	11,120	46,894	70,597
August ..	10,164	6,107	19,248	473	1,023	9,891	10,637	10,861	46,411	67,909
September ..	8,794	5,151	15,249	440	1,229	9,295	9,234	8,759	38,920	56,913
October ..	12,730	6,351	18,952	796	1,923	10,614	13,526	12,009	46,346	71,881
November ..	10,683	5,209	17,882	741	1,598	9,495	11,424	10,215	42,669	64,308
December ..	10,714	4,187	15,982	437	1,478	9,323	11,151	8,417	42,191	61,759
January ..	14,515	5,922	20,688	818	1,153	11,313	15,333	10,698	51,164	77,195
February ..	12,390	5,013	16,107	567	1,824	9,071	12,957	10,264	39,276	62,497
March ..	10,361	5,433	14,436	675	875	9,518	11,036	8,947	39,492	59,475
April ..	14,823	5,749	15,930	686	1,488	10,241	15,509	9,630	42,093	67,232
May ..	10,900	5,135	17,943	673	1,698	10,417	11,573	10,869	44,216	66,658
June ..	10,967	5,326	17,915	425	998	10,164	11,392	9,281	42,570	63,243
1958-59 p—										
July ..	13,226	4,844	16,066	517	1,742	8,892	13,743	9,224	40,877	63,844
August ..	9,869	6,143	22,180	544	2,266	11,752	10,413	11,762	50,772	72,947

(a) See note (c) page 18.

(b) See note (a) page 19.

(c) See note (g) page 18.

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchan- dise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37.. ..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38.. ..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39.. ..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1951-52.. ..	2,957	383	7,359	572	472	586	1,428	26,953	2,156	55,437
1952-53.. ..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116	70,708
1953-54.. ..	4,816	1,338	5,053	774	617	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55.. ..	5,290	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56.. ..	5,039	2,414	5,513	761	650	2,070	1,747	28,127	2,162	64,236
1956-57.. ..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,311	2,688	81,116
1957-58 p—	4,600	1,304	3,550	1,100	765	3,031	2,119	31,155	1,766	67,766
Monthly Total—										
1956-57—										
September ..	4,618	1,821	8,135	106	588	3,135	1,829	21,379	2,078	60,093
October ..	4,448	3,708	8,752	334	444	3,778	2,220	45,463	4,201	95,306
November ..	4,345	2,967	8,517	156	114	4,641	2,130	48,199	2,899	93,554
December ..	3,823	2,691	6,143	42	102	2,532	1,893	41,691	2,316	75,976
January ..	4,232	4,979	8,500	35	8	2,129	1,787	42,679	2,429	87,556
February ..	4,264	2,201	5,407	138	44	3,817	2,073	48,107	3,576	89,320
March ..	3,565	1,116	7,647	727	17	1,719	1,824	58,491	2,041	97,389
April ..	2,870	765	4,840	2,402	506	1,891	2,350	50,183	2,018	87,227
May ..	4,944	1,306	4,109	3,380	2,329	826	2,266	43,588	3,788	90,676
June ..	6,107	451	4,729	703	1,348	1,344	2,551	40,068	1,768	78,103
1957-58 p—										
July ..	6,162	412	3,372	381	1,191	1,888	2,113	32,696	1,430	70,609
August ..	4,760	795	4,971	197	1,159	5,108	2,824	17,550	2,360	58,250
September ..	5,614	1,344	4,769	40	1,112	6,777	2,384	30,499	2,226	75,679
October ..	5,118	2,609	5,727	192	449	5,956	2,745	49,251	2,051	94,097
November ..	5,241	2,766	5,546	144	230	4,389	2,649	40,723	1,999	83,191
December ..	4,599	1,877	2,900	77	67	4,511	2,227	37,994	1,062	70,295
January ..	3,749	1,822	3,727	29	156	3,243	2,172	31,965	2,347	66,684
February ..	3,701	1,136	2,173	343	39	450	2,152	32,555	1,739	60,054
March ..	3,315	951	2,156	1,488	484	1,734	1,885	32,012	1,472	61,080
April ..	3,427	424	2,122	3,207	1,000	1,272	1,449	22,893	1,750	53,009
May ..	4,327	578	2,661	4,597	2,101	760	1,491	25,237	995	65,002
June ..	5,181	933	2,472	2,504	1,194	280	1,334	20,484	1,759	55,242
1958-59 p—										
July ..	7,449	886	3,887	335	1,973	2,345	1,672	22,369	1,731	61,184
August ..	6,752	647	3,509	210	2,075	3,248	1,771	10,651	1,127	47,737
September ..	6,254	1,060	3,864	91	1,589	4,960	2,039	17,473	1,483	55,282

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.		Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
												Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate		(e) 45.63 (f) 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	100.00	100.00
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	111
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690	654
1951-52	..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495	473
1952-53	..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54	..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55	..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56	..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57	..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58	..	471	357	218	398	p333	518	p340	368	240	178	p400	p385
1956-57—													
September	..	566	326	284	562	353	439	323	360	243	178	460	441
October	..	551	330	260	559	361	436	323	354	245	178	451	432
November	..	581	328	252	569	357	439	316	352	247	178	465	445
December	..	588	329	242	566	360	435	315	361	237	178	467	447
January	..	596	332	227	570	385	439	311	359	226	178	472	451
February	..	611	335	222	557	388	473 (g)	309	360	234	178	479	458
March	..	596	327	218	555	372	568	309	359	248	178	471	451
April	..	618	321	224	548	382	620	321	357	234	178	483	462
May	..	626	319	256	495	398	631	328	359	238	178	488	467
June	..	596	322	284	451	373	642	331	362	239	178	473	452
1957-58—													
July	.. (g)	596	331	278	445	351	577	328	347	240	178	470	450
August	..	551	342	274	448	345	622	328	357	239	178	450	431
September	..	543	344	274	441	333	571	333	364	242	178	445	426
October	..	498	350	257	423	337	541	337	362	236	178	420	403
November	..	483	352	232	409	337	488	344	364	244	178	407	391
December	..	445	359	225	372	p336	481	346	365	243	178	p386	p372
January	..	453	363	207	369	p337	504	345	376	237	178	p389	p374
February	..	468	369	194	375	p315	496	349	379	239	178	p395	p380
March	..	422	373	188	375	p312	496	346	380	239	178	p372	p359
April	..	400	366	163	370	p324	479	p346	368	235	178	p357	p344
May	..	392	368	162	369	p329	485	p334	373	241	178	p354	p341
June	..	400	368	166	377	p334	477	p341	375	239	178	p358	p346
1958-59—													
July	.. (g)	400	p366	178	371	p331	481	p345	384	228	178	p359	p346
August	..	p354	p368	190	369	p339	477	p357	375	234	178	p339	p328
September	..	p354	p363	190	372	p344	p476	p364	383	250	178	p339	p328

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanias, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1946-47	173	228	203	1952-53.. ..	616	371	483
1947-48	287	280	283	1953-54.. ..	615	356	474
1948-49	365	305	332	1954-55.. ..	538	342	431
1949-50	473	308	383	1955-56.. ..	464	342	397
1950-51	999	365	654	1956-57.. ..	578	331	444
1951-52	564	397	473	1957-58.. ..	471	p 313	p385

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1953-54.			1954-55.			1955-56.		
July	(a)641	369	493	(a)622	338	468	(a)505	347	419
August	(a)634	367	488	566	338	442	453	347	395
September	626	365	484	566	339	442	437	347	388
October	634	363	486	536	344	431	437	351	390
November.. ..	634	360	485	513	343	421	437	352	391
December	611	358	473	532	348	432	453	352	398
January	603	354	468	520	345	425	460	349	400
February	581	350	455	528	342	427	460	340	395
March	581	351	456	528	341	426	453	335	388
April	(a)596	348	461	520	340	422	468	325	390
May	618	346	470	520	340	422	498	323	403
June	622	346	472	505	343	417	(a)505	331	411
	1956-57.			1957-58.			1958-59.		
July	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450	(a)400	p302	p346
August	520	330	417	551	331	431	p354	p306	p328
September	566	336	441	543	328	426	p354	p306	p328
October	551	332	432	498	323	403			
November.. ..	581	331	445	483	315	391			
December	588	329	447	445	p310	p372			
January	596	330	451	453	p309	p374			
February	611	330	458	468	p306	p380			
March	596	329	451	422	p305	p359			
April	618	331	462	400	p297	p344			
May	626	333	467	392	p299	p341			
June	596	332	452	400	p301	p346			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the "quantity multipliers" are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are :—

All Groups.		Month of September.		Three months ended September.	
		1957.	1958.	1957.	1958.
Excluding Wool .. ..	.. ..	100	93	100	92
Including Wool .. ..	.. ..	100	75	100	78

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1956-57—											
September..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
October ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	325	310	359	344
November..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	319	314	354	342
December..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	321	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
February ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	324	318	356	345
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	524	353	283	467	364	333	305	365	347
August ..	401	240	495	353	283	467	363	339	306	368	350
September..	401	240	490	353	285	457	361	334	303	365	346
October ..	398	240	454	353	295	457	358	322	304	353	338
November..	398	240	444	346	297	457	357	314	308	345	334
December..	399	236	419	346	293	457	355	319	304	348	335
January ..	400	236	424	347	278	458	355	318	302	349	335
February ..	397	236	434	347	273	458	355	320	301	350	336
March ..	398	236	404	347	278	458	353	323	301	351	337
April ..	395	236	389	346	277	458	351	321	301	349	335
May ..	393	236	384	346	263	420	343	330	290	355	336
June ..	394	236	387	346	254	420	343	332	290	357	337
1958-59—											
July ..	394	231	387	327	249	420	339	332	285	357	336
August ..	394	231	p358	327	244	420	p338	338	285	p360	p338
September	p394	231	p358	327	244	432	p340	p337	p283	p361	p338

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 403 for September, 1958. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports. (c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For September, 1958, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 330; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 356; "Total All Groups," 335.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.
(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United Kingdom.		France.	India.
							(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98	Base : 30th June, 1949 = 100.		Base : 1949 = 100.	Base : 1938-39 (e) = 100.
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1952-53 ..	319	252	269	216	209	278	152	126	141	386
1953-54 ..	319	248	270	214	209	268	143	125	137	397
1954-55 ..	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	365
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	158	138	143	424
1957-58 ..	339	264	289	222	225	295	144	p141	161	429
1957-58—										
Dec. ..	335	261	287	221	224	296	144	142	164	425
January	335	261	288	221	225	296	142	142	166	423
Feb. ..	336	263	290	222	225	294	141	142	166	417
March ..	337	262	288	223	226	294	139	141	166	417
April ..	335	r264	289	222	226	294	138	141	166	421
May ..	336	r264	286	223	226	292	137	141	172	421
June ..	337	265	285	222	225	292	138	p141	168	431
1958-59—										
July ..	336	276	287	222	225	292	137	p141		
Aug. ..	p338	276	289		225	290	p137	p141		
Sept. ..	p338	276			225		p135	p141		

(a) See note (c), page 24.

(b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 for U.S.A. and 1955-56 for Sweden.

(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry.

(d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco.

(e) Year ended August, 1939.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.	Australia. (b)		New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37 ..	97.3		96	97	98	100	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100 ^c
1937-38 ..	99.8		101	101	102	101	
1938-39 ..	102.9		103	102	100	99	
1952-53 ..	255.0		185	194	184	189	
1953-54 ..	262.2		195	199	184	190	
1954-55 ..	264.4		201	204	185	190	146
	A	B					
1955-56 ..	274.2	277.4	206	209	186	190	(d) 154
1956-57 ..	286.2	290.9	213	212	191	196	159
1957-58 ..	292.5	291.5	217	221	197	202	166
1957-58—							
January ..	293.3	292.3	217	221	196	202	166
February ..				221	197	203	165
March ..				222	198	204	166
April ..	295.5	294.0	219	223	199	204	168
May ..				223	199	204	168
June ..				224	199	205	169
1958-59—							
July ..	296.6	295.0	229	225	198	205	166
August ..				226	199	205	166
September ..						205	166

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d).
Column "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
linked to former series.

(b) Indexes in Column "A" exclude, and those in
(c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100 cannot be
(d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base, Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000, in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Base: Each Group = Average of 5 years ended June, 1957 = 1956.												
Period.			"C" Series Retail Price Index : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.					Weekly Wage Rate Indexes : Six States.				
			Food and Groceries. (a)		Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)	Nominal Rates. Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)		
1936-37			963		968	976	996	973	949	976		
1937-38			989		1,001	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,000		
1938-39			1,048		1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015		
1950-51			1,998		1,076	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206		
1951-52			2,694		1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201		
1952-53			2,950		1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217		
1953-54			3,073		1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622	3,207	1,223		
1954-55			3,098		1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644	3,249	1,229		
			A	B				A	B			
1955-56			3,265	3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	2,742	2,774	(c) 3,362	1,226	1,212
1956-57			3,395	3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862	2,909	(c) 3,536	1,236	1,216
1957-58			3,424	3,396	1,527	4,147	2,497	2,925	2,915	3,605	1,233	1,237
1953-54 —												
March	Quarter		3,070		1,255	3,946	2,157	2,624		3,213		1,224
June	"		3,055		1,286	3,927	2,148	2,621		3,214		1,226
1954-55 —												
September	Quarter		3,037		1,301	3,924	2,145	2,618		3,213		1,227
December	"		3,063		1,306	3,939	2,147	2,631		3,233		1,229
March	"		3,124		1,310	3,934	2,132	2,649		3,269		1,234
June	"		3,169		1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678		3,283		1,226
1955-56 —			A	B				A	B		A	B
September	Quarter		3,215	3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	2,700	2,719	3,299	1,222	1,213
December	"		3,239	3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721	2,746	3,345	1,229	1,218
March	"		3,262	3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748	2,780	(c) 3,369	1,226	1,212
June	"		3,343	3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797	2,851	(c) 3,436	1,228	1,205
1956-57 —												
September	Quarter		3,394	3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832	2,946	(c) 3,480	1,229	1,181
December	"		3,380	3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849	2,913	(c) 3,543	1,244	1,216
March	"		3,401	3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872	2,876	(c) 3,539	1,232	1,231
June	"		3,406	3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893	2,901	(c) 3,583	1,239	1,235
1957-58 —												
September	Quarter		3,417	3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907	2,903	3,594	1,236	1,238
December	"		3,381	3,350	1,512	4,139	2,498	2,905	2,893	3,595	1,238	1,243
March	"		3,446	3,419	1,525	4,148	2,500	2,933	2,923	3,594	1,225	1,230
June	"		3,453	3,412	1,571	4,186	2,501	2,955	2,940	3,638	1,231	1,237
1958-59 —												
September	Quarter		3,452	3,410	1,594	4,188	2,525	2,966	2,950	3,652	1,231	1,238

(a) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series retail price index number.

(c) Partly estimated.

(b) Index of nominal

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1957 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,719	3,554	3,387	3,442	3,639	3,645	3,594
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 270/-	(d) 263/-	(e) 241/-	(f) 251/-	(g) 272/9	(d) 272/-	..
1957 : December Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,719	3,555	3,389	3,447	3,640	3,645	3,595
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 270/-	(d) 263/-	(e) 241/-	(f) 251/-	(g) 272/9	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : March Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,711	3,555	3,417	3,447	3,608	3,645	3,594
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b)	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 269/-	(d) 263/-	(h) 244/-	(f) 251/-	(i) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,768	3,583	3,463	3,510	3,620	3,685	3,638
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (j)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(k) 248/-	(l) 256/-	(i) 268/6	(d) 272/-	..
1958 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a)	3,769	3,589	3,523	3,512	3,651	3,698	3,652
Average weekly hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (j)	268/-	260/-	243/-	256/-	261/-	267/-	261/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(d) 263/-	(m) 254/-	(l) 256/-	(n) 272/3	(d) 272/-	..

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period after 15th May, 1957. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (e) Payable as from 29th July, 1957. (f) Payable as from 20th May, 1957. (g) Payable as from 19th July, 1957. (h) Payable as from 27th January, 1958. (i) Payable as from 7th February, 1958. (j) Payable from beginning of first pay-period commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (k) Payable as from 28th April, 1958. (l) Payable as from 26th May, 1958. (m) Payable as from 24th July, 1958. (n) Payable as from 4th August, 1958.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.							
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)		
	A	B				A	B	
Year ended June—								
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1954	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2	102.5	
1955	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7	103.6	
1956	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0	108.0	
1957	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0	114.3	
1958	114.0	113.7	109.2	128.4	120.2	115.7	115.6	
Quarter ended—								
1956—September ..	111.9	119.6	103.8	120.6	115.6	111.5	114.4	
December ..	111.6	116.2	105.3	121.5	117.8	112.5	114.2	
1957—March ..	112.6	113.2	106.3	123.1	118.5	113.5	113.7	
June ..	113.3	114.2	107.9	124.6	119.3	114.5	114.8	
September ..	113.7	113.8	108.4	126.1	119.9	115.1	115.1	
December ..	112.8	112.4	109.1	127.0	120.1	115.1	114.9	
1958—March ..	114.6	114.4	109.3	128.2	120.2	115.9	115.8	
June ..	114.9	114.4	110.2	132.2	120.4	116.7	116.5	
September ..	114.7	114.2	110.3	134.2	121.4	117.1	116.9	

(a) The indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1957-58 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	368
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	332	529	386	428	607	369
1957-58p	346	468	389	407	474	385

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing).
1936-37	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1953-54	1,784	1,534	1,385	2,217	1,475	1,443	1,658	1,302	1,495
1954-55	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1956-57—									
September ..	1,997	2,004	1,740	2,400	1,689	1,639	1,704	1,447	1,586
October ..	2,034	2,006	1,797	2,468	1,702	1,652	1,700	1,474	1,597
November ..	2,000	1,963	1,772	2,537	1,682	1,626	1,699	1,461	1,590
December ..	2,008	1,929	1,732	2,506	1,674	1,620	1,682	1,456	1,579
January ..	2,067	1,949	1,829	2,594	1,719	1,678	1,667	1,467	1,575
February ..	2,078	1,974	1,850	2,625	1,743	1,693	1,725	1,473	1,609
March ..	2,084	1,931	1,825	2,571	1,735	1,671	1,745	1,481	1,624
April ..	2,088	1,937	1,922	2,567	1,746	1,696	1,748	1,487	1,628
May ..	2,080	1,926	1,917	2,564	1,752	1,697	1,761	1,503	1,642
June ..	2,080	1,924	1,914	2,627	1,763	1,701	1,747	1,493	1,630
1957-58—									
July ..	2,151	1,922	1,995	2,747	1,815	1,757	1,755	1,509	1,642
August ..	2,192	1,965	2,100	2,870	1,869	1,811	1,832	1,530	1,693
September ..	2,219	1,979	2,013	2,864	1,883	1,824	1,863	1,532	1,711
October ..	2,132	1,935	1,897	2,774	1,810	1,750	1,826	1,534	1,692
November ..	2,146	1,956	1,922	2,747	1,808	1,780	1,838	1,568	1,714
December ..	2,161	1,965	1,844	2,766	1,798	1,777	1,823	1,559	1,701
January ..	2,179	1,985	1,833	2,782	1,821	1,808	1,818	1,469	1,658
February ..	2,225	2,005	1,894	2,838	1,862	1,846	1,854	1,476	1,680
March ..	2,247	2,042	1,852	2,858	1,867	1,851	1,899	1,467	1,700
April ..	2,237	2,041	1,826	2,841	1,852	1,838	1,896	1,455	1,694
May ..	2,163	1,944	1,723	2,910	1,812	1,776	1,858	1,446	1,669
June ..	2,200	1,926	1,738	2,924	1,838	1,816	1,886	1,450	1,686
1958-59—									
July ..	2,260	1,931	1,677	2,965	1,861	1,842	1,962	1,452	1,728
August ..	2,317	1,978	1,631	2,959	1,900	1,881	1,959	1,439	1,720
September ..	2,331	1,989	1,655	2,923	1,914	1,892	1,949	1,434	1,713

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Prices.				Wholesale Prices.				Retail Prices.			
	Wool.	All Groups.			Basic Materials.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.			
		Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home-produced. (b)	All Groups. (b)	"C" Series Index.(c)		Interim Index.(d)	
1936-37 ..	122	108	116	115	99	99	98	99	97.3	Base : 1952-53 = 100		
1937-38 ..	99	105	102	102	102	102	101	101	99.8	(Arithmetically converted for comparison.)		
1938-39 ..	79	87	82	83	99	99	100	100	102.9			
1950-51 ..	999	365	690	654	264	256	240	244	190.6		74.8	74.9
1951-52 ..	564	397	495	473	321	288	300	297	233.7	91.7	91.4	
1952-53 ..	616	371	505	483	350	292	331	319	255.0	100.0	100.0	
1953-54 ..	615	356	496	474	332	271	339	319	262.2	102.8	102.5	
1954-55 ..	538	342	450	431	330	277	340	322	264.4	103.7	103.6	
1955-56 ..	464	342	414	397	345	292	352	334	(e)	(e)	(e)	
1956-57 ..	578	331	464	444	367	311	357	344	(e)	(e)	(e)	
1957-58 ..	471	p313	p400	p385	355	301	355	339	(e)	(e)	(e)	
1956-57—												
October ..	551	332	451	432	367	310	359	344	}	(e)	(e)	
November	581	331	465	445	369	314	354	342				
December	588	329	467	447	369	315	355	343				
January ..	596	330	472	451	369	316	354	343	}	(e)	(e)	
February..	611	330	479	458	370	318	356	345				
March ..	596	329	471	451	368	315	356	344				
April ..	618	331	483	462	369	313	358	344	}	(e)	(e)	
May ..	626	333	488	467	367	311	352	340				
June ..	596	332	473	452	365	307	360	345				
1957-58—												
July .. (f)	596	327	470	450	364	305	365	347	}	(e)	(e)	
August ..	551	331	450	431	363	306	368	350				
September	543	328	445	426	361	303	365	346				
October ..	498	323	420	403	358	304	353	338	}	(e)	(e)	
November	483	315	407	391	357	308	345	334				
December	445	p310	p386	p372	355	304	348	335				
January ..	453	p309	p389	p374	355	302	349	335	}	(e)	(e)	
February..	468	p306	p395	p380	355	301	350	336				
March ..	422	p305	p372	p359	353	301	351	337				
April ..	400	p297	p357	p344	351	301	349	335	}	(e)	(e)	
May ..	392	p299	p354	p341	343	290	355	336				
June ..	400	p301	p358	p346	343	290	357	337				
1958-59—												
July .. (f)	400	p302	p359	p346	339	285	357	336	}	(e)	(e)	
August ..	p354	p306	p339	p328	p338	285	p360	p338				
September	p354	p306	p339	p328	p340	p283	p361	p338				

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.
 (b) See note (c) page 24. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 28.
 (e) For indexes for these periods see pages 26 and 28 and Statistical Bulletin No. 645. (f) Nominal.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Value.	Value.
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1950-51(b) ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	164	1,269	2,900	7,972	1,727	9,699
1952-53 ..	2,506	6,472	302	1,739	2,808	8,211	1,829	10,040
1953-54 ..	2,663	7,748	327	2,537	2,990	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,245	377	4,054	4,050	15,299	2,593	17,892
1955-56 ..	3,361	11,040	336	4,994	3,697	16,034	2,847	18,881
1956-57 ..	3,114	10,496	327	4,252	3,441	14,748	2,653	17,401
1957-58 ..	3,451	11,973	353	4,265	3,804	16,238	2,922	19,160
Monthly Total—								
1956-57—								
September ..	2,826	9,481	291	3,837	3,117	13,318	2,416	15,734
October ..	3,258	11,013	376	4,854	3,634	15,867	3,444	19,311
November ..	3,477	11,138	319	4,373	3,796	15,511	2,754	18,265
December ..	2,260	7,273	270	2,978	2,530	10,251	1,820	12,071
January ..	2,725	9,190	263	4,060	2,988	13,250	2,156	15,406
February ..	3,068	10,477	293	3,540	3,361	14,017	2,416	16,433
March ..	3,139	10,822	356	4,320	3,495	15,142	2,790	17,932
April ..	3,210	10,545	282	3,319	3,492	13,864	2,398	16,262
May ..	3,801	13,353	393	4,686	4,194	18,039	3,283	21,322
June ..	3,327	11,439	380	5,763	3,707	17,202	2,184	19,386
1957-58—								
July ..	3,753	12,992	393	3,870	4,146	16,862	3,216	20,078
August ..	3,986	13,384	403	4,212	4,389	17,596	3,737	21,333
September ..	3,522	12,593	325	4,303	3,847	16,896	2,893	19,789
October ..	3,528	12,406	373	3,340	3,901	15,746	3,033	18,779
November ..	3,269	11,164	350	3,160	3,619	14,324	2,876	17,200
December ..	2,413	8,967	229	2,483	2,642	11,450	2,019	13,469
January ..	3,351	11,123	287	5,764	3,638	16,887	2,772	19,659
February ..	3,155	10,768	346	3,778	3,501	14,546	2,455	17,001
March ..	3,552	11,944	348	3,601	3,900	15,545	2,728	18,273
April ..	3,567	12,903	360	6,082	3,927	18,985	3,074	22,059
May ..	3,679	12,726	419	5,197	4,098	17,923	2,955	20,878
June ..	3,639	12,705	401	5,391	4,040	18,096	3,308	21,404
1958-59—								
July ..	4,411	15,447	466	7,161	4,877	22,608	3,642	26,250
August ..	3,459	12,432	425	6,540	3,884	18,972	3,311	22,283
September ..	4,115	14,586	409	4,563	4,524	19,149	3,752	22,901

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government. (b)	Private.		Government.	Private.	
	Common-wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	Other recorded areas.	Common-wealth and State.	Sydney Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note A.	Common-wealth and State.	Melbourne Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 ..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667	62
1937-38 ..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669	78
1938-39 ..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702	63
1952-53 ..	2,783	(e)10,040	(f)7,671	923	2,799	(g)3,542	1,129	(e)2,906	(h)1,931
1953-54 ..	(i)4,622	12,356	9,691	1,912	3,553	4,622	1,653	3,890	2,297
1954-55 ..	5,936	(j)17,892	(j)8,365	2,461	(k)6,340	(k)3,550	1,779	(k)5,598	(k)1,812
1955-56 ..	5,845	18,881	9,020	2,399	6,742	3,365	1,559	6,163	2,240
1956-57 ..	5,199	17,401	8,862	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648	1,991
1957-58 ..	6,170	19,160	9,862	2,676	6,961	3,967	1,717	6,698	2,161
1956-57—									
December Qtr.	4,691	16,549	8,718	2,264	5,769	2,908	918	5,138	2,084
March ..	6,062	16,590	7,887	2,770	6,299	2,948	2,098	5,455	1,833
June ..	4,222	18,990	10,330	1,911	7,280	4,207	1,331	5,851	2,199
1957-58—									
September ..	5,378	20,400	10,439	2,762	7,214	4,165	1,150	6,992	2,096
December ..	6,039	16,542	9,503	1,878	5,457	4,090	2,549	6,196	2,095
March ..	5,998	18,311	9,452	2,171	6,689	3,713	1,644	6,543	2,145
June ..	7,266	21,447	10,052	3,894	8,483	3,901	1,526	7,060	2,307
1958-59—									
September ..		23,811			9,120	5,011		8,437	2,504
Monthly Total—									
1957-58—									
November ..	3,761	17,200	n.a.	862	5,900	4,114	1,560	6,330	2,137
December ..	7,999	13,469	n.a.	1,914	4,231	3,772	4,619	5,122	1,838
January ..	3,989	19,659	n.a.	1,459	7,707	3,304	924	6,080	1,905
February ..	5,073	17,001	n.a.	1,514	6,028	3,946	1,951	6,559	2,088
March ..	8,932	18,273	n.a.	3,539	6,333	3,890	2,058	6,991	2,441
April ..	4,977	22,059	n.a.	1,795	9,629	4,074	1,113	6,464	2,245
May ..	6,426	20,878	n.a.	3,409	7,372	3,977	1,668	7,775	2,376
June ..	10,395	21,404	n.a.	6,480	8,449	3,653	1,795	6,940	2,299
1958-59—									
July ..	6,227	26,250	n.a.	3,754	9,877	4,736	1,169	9,713	2,541
August ..	6,237	22,283	n.a.	3,234	8,074	5,441	1,156	8,906	2,411
September ..		22,901	n.a.		9,409	4,857		6,692	2,561

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.
B Includes the Cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.		
	Government.	Private.(a)		Government.(b)	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)		Government.	Private.(a)	
	Commonwealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note C.	Commonwealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note D.	Commonwealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note E.	Commonwealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	Other recorded areas. See Note F.
Monthly												
Average—												
1936-37 ..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38 ..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39 ..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1952-53 ..	232	1,376	c1,209	226	1,525	336	219	1,157	320	54	(d) 277	(e) 333
1953-54 ..	(f) 303	1,299	1,404	320	1,486	392	314	1,750	548	120	378	428
1954-55 ..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,171	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 393	(g) 460
1955-56 ..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	400	521
1956-57 ..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	234	1,470	435	238	454	565
1957-58 ..	614	1,702	1,970	536	2,066	763	425	1,321	520	202	412	481
1956-57—												
Dec. Qtr.	277	1,893	2,228	800	1,698	644	202	1,663	424	230	388	430
Mar. "	358	1,200	1,467	479	1,819	614	282	1,387	426	75	430	599
June "	344	1,591	2,161	233	2,248	648	254	1,508	424	149	512	691
1957-58—												
Sept. "	577	1,513	2,223	381	2,395	905	339	1,854	567	169	432	483
Dec. "	379	1,469	1,785	508	1,830	622	553	1,167	456	172	423	455
Mar. "	1,004	1,644	1,879	495	2,011	677	402	1,020	536	282	404	502
June "	494	2,180	1,992	758	2,027	849	407	1,247	521	187	450	482
1958-59—												
Sept. "		1,844	2,053		2,586			1,344			480	513
Monthly Total—												
1957-58—												
November ..	254	1,361	1,748	480	1,926	n.a.	227	1,253	414	378	430	450
December ..	548	1,530	1,469	436	1,463	n.a.	452	803	438	30	320	431
January ..	448	1,919	1,306	811	2,612	n.a.	246	1,043	322	101	298	505
February ..	525	1,321	1,628	394	1,611	n.a.	274	951	455	415	531	537
March ..	2,040	1,692	2,704	280	1,811	n.a.	687	1,064	832	328	382	463
April ..	379	2,679	1,951	1,217	1,847	n.a.	386	1,141	435	87	299	575
May ..	314	1,830	1,890	492	2,254	n.a.	328	1,181	660	215	466	466
June ..	790	2,031	2,134	566	1,979	n.a.	506	1,419	469	258	586	405
1958-59—												
July ..	339	2,038	1,944	369	2,889	n.a.	496	1,279	514	100	454	473
August ..	183	1,629	2,014	588	2,183	n.a.	964	1,131	543	112	360	533
September ..		1,864	2,200		2,687	n.a.		1,623			626	533

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes the Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1952-53.. ..	(a)39,490	13,898	a 53,388	49,313	16,584	65,897	a 158,962	114,779	a 273,741
1953-54.. ..	a 49,254	23,428	a 72,682	49,780	20,130	69,910	a 163,798	132,339	a 296,137
1954-55(b) ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56.. ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57.. ..	52,355	37,386	89,741	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58.. ..	57,260	37,929	95,189	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,772	355,470
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—									
June Qtr. ..	49,204	40,968	90,172	57,577	33,574	91,151	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57—									
Sept. „ ..	50,800	45,594	96,394	53,246	35,031	88,277	155,591	232,211	387,802
Dec. „ ..	50,821	34,143	84,964	55,052	36,514	91,566	152,607	231,215	383,822
Mar. „ ..	51,663	35,511	87,174	47,622	40,451	88,073	157,737	228,378	386,115
June „ ..	56,134	34,298	90,432	53,816	39,830	93,646	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58—									
Sept. „ ..	59,149	39,139	98,288	53,910	55,215	109,125	168,068	212,075	380,143
Dec. „ ..	53,014	31,753	84,767	61,801	44,466	106,267	160,581	201,631	362,212
Mar. „ ..	55,656	39,157	94,813	55,089	46,986	102,075	162,319	196,037	358,356
June „ ..	61,220	41,668	102,888	60,698	46,974	107,672	163,698	191,772	355,470

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1952-53	24,512	19,242	6,558	6,471	5,730	2,666	718	n.a.	65,897
1953-54	25,386	21,680	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	970	n.a.	69,910
1954-55	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	736	413	78,592
1955-56	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	1,072	484	88,167
1956-57	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	1,485	571	90,391
1957-58	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	1,460	528	106,285
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—									
June Qtr. ..	33,100	28,078	8,005	10,029	7,508	2,933	1,001	497	91,151
1956-57—									
Sept. „ ..	31,805	28,836	8,553	7,901	6,485	2,930	1,073	694	88,277
Dec. „ ..	30,197	31,187	8,406	8,958	5,954	3,030	3,091	743	91,566
Mar. „ ..	35,794	25,477	8,655	8,588	5,107	3,214	889	349	88,073
June „ ..	35,298	29,330	9,769	8,550	5,878	3,435	887	499	93,646
1957-58—									
Sept. „ ..	44,859	33,424	9,815	9,012	6,297	3,192	1,828	698	109,125
Dec. „ ..	40,688	31,954	10,263	10,178	8,044	3,312	1,326	502	106,267
Mar. „ ..	41,293	31,470	9,952	9,083	6,433	2,715	818	311	102,075
June „ ..	42,400	34,908	8,013	9,774	6,488	3,621	1,869	599	107,672

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS (a).

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1952-53	(b)5,104	4,186	2,371	1,992	1,795	572	132	n.a.	(b)16,152
1953-54	(b)7,098	5,413	2,179	1,737	2,015	681	96	n.a.	(b)19,219
1954-55	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	192	62	19,309
1955-56	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	207	85	18,155
1956-57	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	192	63	17,364
1957-58	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	289	78	18,337
Quarterly Total—									
1956-57—Sept. Qtr.	5,839	4,964	2,265	1,837	1,204	539	104	103	16,855
Dec. ..	5,782	5,075	2,184	1,857	1,299	616	99	82	16,994
Mar. ..	5,949	5,203	1,766	1,620	1,644	754	161	28	17,125
June ..	6,751	5,517	1,637	1,813	1,571	751	405	38	18,483
1957-58—Sept. ..	6,703	5,480	1,986	2,058	1,686	633	301	73	18,920
Dec. ..	6,057	5,392	1,612	1,778	1,249	582	340	38	17,048
Mar. ..	6,223	6,055	1,779	1,666	1,282	583	198	100	17,886
June ..	6,862	6,289	1,968	1,948	1,345	665	316	100	19,493
1958-59—Sept. ..									p21,235

COMPLETED.

Quarterly Average—									
1952-53	6,638	5,494	2,663	2,250	2,016	832	159	n.a.	20,052
1953-54	6,881	5,571	2,279	1,905	1,960	661	138	n.a.	19,395
1954-55	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	102	50	20,528
1955-56	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	151	78	19,626
1956-57	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	206	82	17,109
1957-58	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	189	68	18,646
Quarterly Total—									
1956-57—Sept. Qtr.	5,582	5,644	1,759	1,859	1,439	799	183	99	17,364
Dec. ..	5,841	5,527	1,996	2,084	1,419	815	347	86	18,115
Mar. ..	5,703	4,649	1,745	1,678	1,055	545	134	53	15,562
June ..	6,002	5,262	1,891	1,802	1,482	705	161	90	17,395
1957-58—Sept. ..	5,824	5,119	2,030	2,020	1,664	665	122	85	17,529
Dec. ..	6,918	6,101	1,979	2,134	1,922	706	223	62	20,045
Mar. ..	6,479	5,289	1,872	1,870	1,301	615	148	53	17,627
June ..	7,224	5,962	1,807	1,954	1,480	621	261	75	19,384
1958-59—Sept. ..									p19,876

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

1952-53	(b)24,484	22,360	3,993	6,520	6,186	2,115	646	n.a.	(b)66,304
1953-54	(b)25,348	21,730	3,593	5,865	6,406	2,195	477	n.a.	(b)65,614
1954-55	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	837	211	60,866
1955-56	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	1,057	240	54,935
1956-57	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	1,001	163	55,869
1957-58	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	1,402	199	54,623
1956-57—Sept. Qtr. ..	18,358	18,298	3,719	6,348	4,361	2,115	978	244	54,421
Dec. ..	18,263	17,846	3,907	6,114	4,241	1,916	730	240	53,257
Mar. ..	18,506	18,400	3,928	6,027	4,830	2,125	757	215	54,788
June ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	1,001	163	55,869
1957-58—Sept. ..	20,127	19,016	3,630	6,076	4,941	2,139	1,180	151	57,260
Dec. ..	19,267	18,307	3,263	5,720	4,268	2,015	1,297	127	54,264
Mar. ..	19,006	19,073	3,170	5,516	4,249	1,983	1,347	174	54,518
June ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	1,402	199	54,623
1958-59—Sept. ..									p55,982

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined. (b)	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—								(c)	(c)			
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1951-52 ..	1,243	355	1,598	675	75.7	3,366	941	119.2	126.8	7,011	15,680	1,485
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,263	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,372	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,659	18,399	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	237.8	8,879	19,982	2,711
1957-58 p ..	1,519	r178	r1,697	906	r90.3	4,023	1,650	190.3	258.8	9,592	21,437	2,986
Monthly Total—												
1956-57—												
September	1,521	182	1,703	930	90.7	4,078	1,500	178.4	228.6	8,785	20,831	n.a.
October ..	1,709	192	1,901	951	86.5	3,960	1,538	158.0	226.5	9,052	21,161	
November	1,636	201	1,837	892	96.1	3,679	1,486	187.7	247.7	8,776	20,354	
December	1,125	146	1,271	723	83.0	3,421	1,394	193.4	247.0	9,365	19,650	
January ..	976	111	1,087	830	84.4	3,279	1,410	189.9	260.4	9,077	18,732	1,366
February	1,476	149	1,625	835	80.7	3,158	1,388	170.9	237.5	8,152	17,118	3,555
March ..	1,453	159	1,612	892	88.6	3,584	1,543	174.4	254.5	9,030	18,024	3,498
April ..	1,374	159	1,533	887	90.7	3,629	1,502	168.1	246.9	8,962	17,188	3,288
May ..	1,578	200	1,778	966	87.3	4,313	1,693	173.3	250.5	9,229	21,253	2,734
June ..	1,423	160	1,583	916	96.5	4,257	1,616	181.7	246.8	7,482	20,034	2,689
1957-58 p—												
July ..	1,711	202	1,913	986	106.2	4,965	1,817	198.8	264.2	10,919	19,988	2,666
August ..	1,654	191	1,845	972	86.9	4,708	1,773	196.3	271.7	9,532	21,839	1,864
September	1,636	188	1,824	907	87.8	4,378	1,641	182.2	261.5	9,196	20,313	2,521
October	1,746	194	1,940	920	88.8	4,109	1,666	188.0	263.9	9,669	21,732	2,774
November	1,641	190	1,831	879	91.9	3,729	1,584	182.0	246.4	9,394	21,926	3,105
December	1,218	129	1,347	753	94.3	3,521	1,530	202.1	250.9	9,706	20,895	2,820
January ..	1,101	132	1,233	851	92.4	3,422	1,519	197.5	269.9	9,657	21,050	r2,248
February	1,467	194	1,661	807	84.1	3,232	1,468	172.6	232.6	8,609	18,865	r2,920
March ..	1,486	184	1,670	889	85.5	3,663	1,632	196.6	265.9	9,560	22,901	r3,708
April ..	r1,444	r176	r1,620	902	r81.7	3,701	1,589	186.5	254.2	9,306	22,985	r3,414
May ..	r1,565	r204	r1,769	1,002	r88.1	4,203	1,767	199.5	277.6	9,748	22,598	r3,537
June ..	r1,553	155	r1,708	1,001	r95.9	4,646	1,813	178.9	263.1	9,811	22,151	4,253
1958-59p—												
July ..	1,812	199	2,011	1,118	107.1	5,131	1,968	190.0	270.5	9,591	19,131	3,946
August ..	1,658	173	1,831	1,060	85.0			194.7	267.2	9,888	19,802	
September	1,624	173	1,797	1,061	98.6			189.2	263.6	9,663	18,284	

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.

(b) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals Association.

(c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.								
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1951-52 ..	60.0	4,072	5,540	1,944	116.0	103.1	1,373	5,975	4,251	4,240	16,066
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883	15,179
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e)1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617
1956-57 p..	67.1	4,837	3,879	2,121	119.5	186.3	1,307	3,731	4,539	4,291	16,077
1957-58 p..	73.4	4,951	4,027	2,190	r116.7	193.3	r1,394	3,748	4,693	4,618	16,140
Monthly Total—											
1956-57 p—											
August ..	72.4	5,431	4,110	2,110	125.4	197.5	1,429	4,418	6,428	4,922	15,929
September	66.3	5,102	3,889	2,239	125.3	176.8	1,311	3,626	5,345	4,383	19,292
October..	74.6	5,521	4,337	2,178	139.5	203.6	1,422	4,670	5,901	5,399	26,480
November	70.9	4,959	3,719	2,082	141.5	191.6	1,403	3,625	4,994	5,476	23,744
December	51.7	3,847	2,714	1,945	115.8	167.1	1,028	2,916	3,403	4,146	18,926
January..	50.2	3,356	2,880	1,346	92.3	151.8	1,024	2,824	2,814	2,587	16,143
February	65.7	4,626	3,904	2,096	113.4	171.2	1,321	2,834	3,822	3,612	13,106
March ..	69.8	4,712	3,970	2,492	112.6	199.9	1,338	3,746	3,999	4,348	12,957
April ..	67.9	4,817	4,069	1,997	107.4	197.7	1,260	3,707	3,625	3,964	10,567
May ..	77.7	5,551	4,928	2,492	123.2	203.7	1,449	4,709	4,636	4,671	11,409
June ..	68.0	4,940	4,059	2,402	121.1	195.2	1,300	3,573	3,794	3,484	9,888
1957-58 p—											
July ..	77.8	5,511	4,403	2,281	115.4	207.1	1,455	4,080	4,690	5,753	11,428
August ..	75.4	5,115	4,357	2,364	119.5	200.4	1,421	4,500	5,190	4,227	12,692
September	75.2	5,209	3,958	2,181	115.4	186.1	1,440	4,178	5,589	4,320	16,347
October..	r82.7	5,538	4,516	2,236	131.6	202.0	r1,609	5,352	6,126	5,255	21,972
November	79.4	5,123	4,259	2,563	125.7	200.8	r1,502	4,469	5,250	5,050	24,552
December	r61.5	4,137	3,148	1,692	110.8	169.2	r1,124	3,108	4,148	4,431	21,283
January	56.1	3,767	3,087	1,352	98.2	166.6	r1,099	2,522	3,816	3,141	17,975
February	69.8	4,925	4,114	2,217	109.4	177.7	1,416	3,281	4,761	4,556	15,716
March ..	74.2	4,938	4,140	2,500	120.6	199.6	r1,384	2,985	4,272	4,994	13,907
April ..	r73.0	4,983	3,929	2,037	107.9	195.7	1,383	3,347	4,305	4,142	11,510
May ..	r81.8	5,235	4,429	2,772	r123.4	208.9	r1,498	3,871	4,234	4,983	13,138
June ..	74.4	4,936	3,980	2,081	r122.2	205.7	1,400	3,281	3,940	4,565	13,161
1958-59 p..											
July ..	r86.1	r5,392	4,324	2,353	124.4	208.7	r1,595	3,959	5,347	5,637	18,581
August ..	78.6	4,986	4,084	2,553		215.2	1,506	4,177	5,558	5,173	19,844

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation. (e) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1951-52	2,872	2,617	905	10.1	3.04	2.42	1,586
1952-53	2,302	2,052	1,289	10.3	2.97	2.39	1,498
1953-54	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57 p	3,555	3,856	1,878	13.7	4.02	2.74	1,737
1957-58 p	3,708	3,697	1,775	12.8	3.83	2.68	1,774
Monthly Total—							
1956-57 p—							
August	3,982	4,144	1,536	13.3	4.29	2.81	2,075
September	3,521	3,831	1,575	11.9	4.01	2.71	1,931
October	4,029	4,276	1,714	13.2	4.55	3.20	2,153
November	3,561	3,938	1,765	13.8	4.19	2.92	1,949
December	2,554	2,852	1,252	12.3	3.00	2.06	1,369
January	2,939	3,128	1,761	11.9	2.97	2.20	1,131
February	3,571	4,014	2,017	14.7	4.33	2.92	1,559
March	3,598	3,851	2,443	14.6	4.32	2.96	1,664
April	3,458	3,875	2,053	13.9	4.07	2.73	1,616
May	4,134	4,476	2,297	16.0	4.71	3.11	1,897
June	3,659	3,982	2,496	15.3	3.98	2.66	1,662
1957-58 p—							
July	4,307	4,435	2,425	15.7	4.36	2.99	1,926
August	3,834	3,929	2,168	13.4	4.08	2.82	1,930
September	3,723	3,761	2,165	12.6	4.05	2.92	1,961
October	4,173	3,988	2,096	13.7	4.48	3.17	2,159
November	3,927	3,700	1,735	14.0	4.14	3.03	2,054
December	2,822	2,617	1,260	12.2	3.13	2.17	1,535
January	3,012	3,064	1,188	10.6	3.08	2.19	1,163
February	3,739	3,744	1,692	12.7	3.98	2.97	1,647
March	3,806	3,729	1,680	13.4	3.93	2.91	1,701
April	3,903	3,874	1,527	10.5	3.70	2.69	1,674
May	3,798	3,907	1,550	12.5	3.73	2.33	1,827
June	3,448	3,621	1,818	12.6	3.31	1.94	1,715
1958-59 p—							
July	3,957	3,865	1,531	12.4	3.35	2.11	2,148
August	3,551	3,561	1,463	10.4	3.04	2.00	2,262

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's. Full Fash. and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths, and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1951-52	121.8	128.7	} (g) {	65.3	105.6	196.6	96.5
1952-53	131.2	156.4		73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54	157.9	179.1		101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57 p	120.9	236.1	66.6	(h) 9.2	138.1	242.4	117.9
1957-58 p.. ..	122.6	209.1	60.5	(h) 8.5	150.6	240.5	127.5
Monthly Total—				(h)			
1956-57 p—							
August	138.9	256.4	74.9	11.2	143.3	265.1	146.8
September ..	133.1	242.4	71.7	10.5	143.0	240.9	139.1
October	150.7	274.8	76.0	12.0	171.2	297.5	165.6
November ..	134.6	259.4	70.3	10.8	156.2	280.0	146.3
December ..	91.4	188.6	55.0	7.7	116.9	221.2	102.2
January	78.8	174.3	45.8	5.5	101.2	172.5	59.2
February ..	116.8	242.8	70.7	8.3	145.9	261.2	100.5
March	123.5	248.0	70.3	7.5	141.8	247.1	96.1
April	117.0	222.6	61.3	8.1	121.4	211.2	99.3
May	130.9	251.9	69.1	8.8	148.4	243.1	122.3
June	114.4	226.0	59.0	8.8	125.1	211.6	109.9
1957-58 p—							
July	127.3	247.6	65.0	10.1	151.1	251.3	155.7
August	131.2	225.9	63.9	7.9	165.2	241.9	154.1
September ..	127.9	203.9	63.0	8.5	161.6	240.0	158.5
October	r145.1	233.4	63.8	11.6	182.3	284.3	176.7
November ..	145.9	227.0	61.8	9.9	159.6	276.0	156.5
December ..	107.6	180.5	45.2	10.3	132.4	226.1	115.7
January	79.5	142.2	41.5	6.1	103.2	173.3	61.6
February ..	125.1	204.6	66.2	7.4	153.1	253.7	102.5
March	120.3	203.9	63.4	7.8	153.6	243.7	97.0
April	113.8	r191.8	61.0	7.8	153.5	238.8	100.7
May	r131.6	r229.4	67.0	7.9	149.9	238.5	123.3
June	116.1	r219.4	63.9	7.1	142.0	218.0	128.2
1958-59 p—							
July	117.5	247.5	71.2	8.4	177.7	272.7	166.8
August	111.0	237.4	70.6	8.8	155.3	248.5	155.8

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.
(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmear (as Pork).	Total. (b)	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1951-52	143.4	41.1	87.3	10,931	3,382	r6,375	48.5	14.6	8.9	7.1	79.1	15,398
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	r6,971	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	r6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	r116.8	17,149	3,223	r5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	p138.1	p40.0	r113.2	15,820	3,764	r6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	p18,793
1957-58p	p112.6	42.9	r105.1	14,388	2,904	r6,398	64.7	21.8	12.5	8.1	107.1	19,450
Monthly Total—												
1956-57—	p											p
Sept. ..	147.9	41.4	r123.3	17,294	5,013	r7,758	66.6	16.5	12.1	6.4	101.6	17,495
Oct. ..	144.1	44.4	r162.0	24,207	6,570	r10,399	65.6	18.4	15.1	7.8	106.9	22,129
Nov. ..	146.3	42.9	r162.2	24,430	6,427	r10,128	67.5	19.4	16.0	8.8	111.7	22,160
Dec. ..	141.7	40.6	r158.8	24,087	5,800	r9,650	58.7	18.5	16.8	10.3	104.3	23,555
Jan. ..	140.0	35.8	r146.4	22,166	4,567	r8,691	55.2	20.0	12.2	6.0	93.4	21,089
Feb. ..	135.0	37.6	r113.3	16,332	3,078	r6,498	59.4	19.9	10.2	6.6	96.1	18,215
Mar. ..	138.9	42.6	r103.3	14,158	2,721	r5,569	69.0	20.0	10.5	7.1	106.6	18,313
Apr. ..	116.1	p36.3	r82.2	10,523	1,902	r3,968	64.0	18.5	9.6	7.2	99.3	17,595
May ..	136.5	p41.6	r68.3	7,727	1,601	r3,196	84.5	20.7	12.0	7.7	124.9	17,693
June ..	127.5	p39.1	r58.9	5,899	1,539	r2,838	82.5	18.9	10.3	7.2	118.9	14,849
1957-58p—												
July ..	138.5	40.8	68.9	7,569	2,022	r3,471	82.6	17.6	9.0	7.5	116.7	16,644
Aug. ..	139.5	41.7	r89.7	11,257	2,924	r5,514	74.1	16.7	9.0	7.4	107.2	15,635
Sept. ..	123.5	43.9	r120.8	16,851	4,264	r8,251	64.5	19.2	11.8	7.3	102.8	19,637
Oct. ..	130.2	45.5	r145.6	21,181	5,177	r10,217	64.4	24.4	19.0	8.3	116.1	22,230
Nov. ..	130.6	45.4	r153.0	22,954	4,781	r10,346	52.1	24.6	20.0	8.8	105.5	23,145
Dec. ..	113.2	41.2	139.3	20,698	3,849	r9,260	49.7	25.4	16.9	10.9	102.9	25,095
Jan. ..	105.4	39.1	120.2	17,386	2,899	7,730	53.8	25.9	12.0	7.3	99.0	21,172
Feb. ..	94.2	43.4	104.9	14,935	2,216	6,065	50.3	25.6	10.5	7.3	93.7	18,574
Mar. ..	93.9	49.1	103.9	14,612	2,004	5,379	57.8	22.4	10.4	8.1	98.7	20,065
Apr. ..	84.9	40.0	81.7	10,509	1,556	4,004	62.6	20.7	10.2	8.2	101.7	18,008
May ..	101.0	44.9	69.0	7,846	1,493	3,322	80.1	20.9	10.5	8.7	120.2	17,701
June ..	96.5	40.0	64.2	6,860	1,662	3,216	85.3	17.9	10.6	8.1	121.9	15,495
1958-59p												
July ..	108.8	41.6	r71.7	7,934	2,189	3,672	r87.0	r21.1	12.5	r8.4	r129.0	16,446
August	115.1	44.7	91.7	11,409	3,203	5,435	75.4	19.6	11.3	8.0	114.3	16,699
Sept. ..	112.0	45.8	124.6	17,529	4,407	7,980						18,992

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.
		Sulphuric Acid (100 %).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.				
	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1951-52	2,795	54.2	133.1	633	99	3,486	390	1,865	213
1952-53	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133		1,745	141
1953-54	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241
1954-55	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293
1955-56	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303
1956-57 p.. .. .	4,079	73.1	164.6	902	121	6,463		1,808	284
1957-58 p.. .. .	4,201	82.5	185.0	930	131	8,134		2,403	304
Monthly Total—									
1956-57 p—									
August	3,988	65.7	150.9	879	122	6,860		1,685	325
September	3,843	66.9	119.3	885	113	5,756		1,632	284
October	4,408	69.1	161.6	1,044	127	6,854		2,073	304
November	4,305	63.3	128.8	1,051	123	7,214		2,061	311
December	3,811	60.5	127.1	899	97	5,344		871	211
January	4,071	69.8	167.8	747	101	5,053		967	205
February	4,147	82.1	200.8	944	127	6,693		2,271	292
March	4,074	88.8	199.5	973	146	7,971		2,124	274
April	3,953	85.8	191.9	900	127	6,248		1,855	281
May	4,612	87.5	223.8	971	143	7,486		2,312	335
June	3,892	78.9	189.1	721	112	6,492		1,959	258
1957-58 p—									
July	3,914	80.7	178.2	831	126	8,429		2,280	335
August	3,770	88.0	195.9	931	129	8,235		2,170	277
September	4,039	72.7	155.0	1,059	133	8,010		2,371	330
October	4,523	71.6	167.2	1,047	139	8,788		2,654	333
November	4,472	81.5	172.4	1,093	140	8,727		2,583	293
December	4,567	77.1	163.0	912	109	6,107		1,935	234
January	4,283	78.5	182.7	783	114	6,344		1,891	232
February	4,162	82.3	194.0	960	127	8,604		2,676	306
March	4,248	87.3	195.3	953	148	8,809		2,632	330
April	4,126	90.2	221.9	844	132	8,036		2,318	306
May	4,328	96.5	201.6	933	154	8,973		2,759	358
June	3,982	83.0	192.3	817	116	8,543		2,562	314
1958-59 p—									
July	4,219	78.5	167.2	888	136	11,212		2,769	379
August	4,175	94.0	197.9	942	137	9,951		2,371	342

(a) Details for 1954-55 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production ; 1955-56 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base : 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (b)	Denmark. (b)	France. (b)	Germany West.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (c)	U.S.A. (b) (d)
1951	106	91	100	98	85	91	74	91	94	101	97	90
1952	101	94	96	99	91	93	82	91	95	99	94	93
1953	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954	106	98	109	110	112	109	108	110	109	104	107	93
1955	116	107	111	120	129	119	117	118	117	111	113	104
1956	122	114	114	133	139	128	144	123	122	114	112	107
1957	123	114	117	145	147	138	167	126	126	118	114	107
1956—												
August ..	117	116	115	92	134	107	144	121	122	110	93	106
September ..	124	120	121	134	144	134	147	123	132	121	116	109
October ..	127	121	124	141	145	142	148	136	133	125	118	113
November ..	129	120	125	147	154	135	152	134	135	125	120	110
December ..	123	113	116	145	142	128	157	117	121	123	110	107
1957—												
January ..	123	110	118	140	137	135	146	127	127	119	114	108
February ..	128	113	123	144	142	129	164	119	144	123	118	110
March ..	129	114	125	145	140	140	177	127	134	123	120	110
April ..	131	115	123	146	149	139	169	125	117	126	111	108
May ..	132	117	123	151	152	143	176	136	126	126	120	107
June ..	121	120	121	150	148	136	172	125	131	125	117	108
July ..	92	114	80	139	140	147	174	128	88	63	106	101
August ..	117	115	119	98	138	116	165	122	125	116	98	108
September ..	125	118	123	148	151	143	166	124	136	125	118	109
October ..	126	116	120	150	154	146	165	133	134	125	119	109
November ..	125	115	120	159	162	140	164	128	135	124	122	106
December ..	121	105	114	163	151	138	167	116	119	124	112	100
1958—												
January ..	119	104	117	155	144	140	154	122	123	122	113	99
February ..	121	108	120	162	145	131	167	114	135	r124	119	98
March ..	118	109	123	160	146	141	179	124	131	125	121	96
April ..	116	111	120	164	153	137	163	124	116	r127	111	95
May ..	114	114	119	166	151	144	163	r128	115	125	113	95
June ..	112	118	120	161	r153	r140	162	130	131	125	114	99
July ..	100	112	79	147	144	149	165	126	84	61	103	94
August ..			118	102	143			122	121	118		101

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.
for number of working days. Includes construction.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

(c) Partially adjusted

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1948-49(b)	655	450	117	5,539	(c)3,056	1,852
1949-50(b)	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b)	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b)	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b)	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54	1,200	607	140	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57	1,565	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58	1,676	744	116	13,770	5,595	884
				Monthly Totals.		
1956-57—				(d)	(d)	(d)
September	1,494	683	124	11,506	4,547	662
October	1,509	689	124	13,429	5,499	875
November	1,520	693	124	14,058	5,632	867
December	1,527	694	124	12,030	4,389	782
January	1,536	695	123	10,898	3,858	842
February	1,543	697	123	12,099	3,319	903
March	1,551	699	122	12,090	5,290	906
April	1,557	700	122	11,344	4,737	761
May	1,564	702	121	14,550	5,751	872
June	1,565	707	120	12,337	5,314	744
1957-58—						
July	1,577	710	119	12,994	5,280	690
August	1,583	711	119	11,852	5,369	776
September	1,594	714	118	13,423	5,371	816
October	1,602	717	118	15,321	6,115	884
November	1,605	718	118	14,617	5,752	882
December	1,625	726	118	14,813	5,379	952
January	1,628	727	118	11,145	4,630	1,283
February	1,637	731	118	13,926	5,529	989
March	1,646	734	118	13,678	6,140	1,035
April	1,664	740	118	15,410	6,214	861
May	1,671	743	117	15,237	6,003	781
June	1,676	744	116	12,820	5,357	655
1958-59—						
July	1,688	736	116	13,933	6,068	r639
August p				r13,550	r5,500	r770
September p				14,700	5,850	920

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle ; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(b)		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1948-49	7,690	3,428	517.7	42,225	7,165	85
1949-50	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683	-205
1950-51	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804	-594
1951-52	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626	-721
1952-53	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	-560
1953-54	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955-56	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765	-659
1956-57	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	-376
1957-58	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	-493
Monthly Total—(c)						
1955-56—						
June	8,080	3,810	618.3	42,232	15,541	-2,361
1956-57—						
July	8,147	4,184	638.1	44,061	15,227	-333
August	8,531	4,369	658.8	39,928	16,806	577
September	8,061	4,061	627.2	41,695	16,094	1,283
October	8,537	4,476	670.5	44,995	17,497	967
November	8,131	4,219	641.2	40,735	16,712	-248
December	7,732	3,419	560.6	40,711	14,552	-1,228
January	7,902	3,534	586.5	39,933	15,027	-62
February	7,264	3,750	591.6	41,026	14,585	-459
March	7,886	3,789	624.0	41,497	15,347	-89
April	7,503	3,676	594.7	42,343	15,220	-31
May	8,153	4,057	667.2	41,604	16,569	-385
June	7,570	3,588	579.3	40,988	14,454	-2,027
1957-58—						
July	8,020	4,095	613.8	43,558	15,703	-134
August	7,996	4,091	r600.6	39,681	15,763	-88
September	7,613	3,959	578.8	43,923	15,810	285
October	8,005	4,244	620.0	40,400	16,484	580
November	7,613	3,890	585.9	39,718	15,176	r-1,007
December	7,285	3,231	498.8	40,081	13,887	-1,118
January	7,262	3,186	494.3	38,577	13,676	-808
February	6,852	r3,456	525.9	r40,325	13,364	-881
March	7,589	3,762	591.2	43,621	15,026	113
April	7,292	3,541	r543.4	39,705	14,163	-342
May	7,837	3,863	594.0	42,898	15,227	-1,009
June	7,265	3,627	538.8	41,802	14,856	1,505

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.

(b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.

(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1948-49.. ..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50.. ..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51.. ..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52.. ..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	641
1952-53.. ..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54.. ..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55.. ..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56.. ..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57.. ..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58.. ..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
Monthly Total—									
1956-57									
August	715	1,081	376	91	50	369	120	42	1,049
September ..	786	965	326	72	55	410	137	40	1,040
October	769	1,127	313	113	68	408	106	29	1,038
November ..	794	1,110	331	107	86	431	116	37	1,110
December ..	712	963	266	132	79	375	107	30	989
January	796	1,119	257	82	65	418	124	30	976
February ..	751	953	246	135	60	357	122	25	945
March	861	1,005	282	92	56	428	129	25	1,012
April	597	1,049	260	84	47	359	120	28	899
May	666	1,302	417	143	37	353	109	32	1,091
June	601	954	319	51	52	283	98	36	839
1957-58 p—									
July	665	1,256	317	135	61	347	96	41	997
August	732	1,126	337	75	78	355	117	35	997
September ..	732	1,029	348	116	79	356	115	41	1,055
October	711	1,020	385	137	85	376	148	40	1,171
November ..	657	985	327	124	59	376	112	37	1,035
December ..	613	1,008	329	88	52	364	185	49	1,067
January	606	1,247	309	109	42	358	186	49	1,053
February ..	488	1,139	280	111	48	334	139	34	946
March	515	1,280	285	134	51	380	189	43	1,082
April	458	1,178	293	107	40	353	141	58	992
May	646	1,336	347	97	50	390	191	58	1,133
June	540	1,116	330	139	24	381	156	54	1,084
1958-59 p—									
July	624	1,266	391	109	66	376	146	86	1,174
August	664	818	335	111	73	369	121	58	1,067

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1948-49..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	108
1957-58..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
Monthly Total—									
1956-57—									
August ..	125	329	28	28	8	6	6	28	104
September ..	101	214	19	34	8	10	5	42	118
October ..	107	220	26	38	8	7	13	36	129
November ..	110	243	22	39	8	8	7	28	112
December ..	99	204	17	24	5	8	4	24	82
January ..	82	249	13	29	5	3	9	31	91
February ..	83	156	17	29	10	8	6	37	107
March ..	145	221	27	40	7	8	9	33	124
April ..	173	238	19	36	8	7	5	39	114
May ..	172	219	20	39	6	12	7	37	121
June ..	103	183	17	32	5	10	6	32	102
1957-58 p—									
July ..	124	264	18	31	4	8	6	37	104
August ..	111	238	21	23	8	8	4	26	90
September ..	117	196	25	37	5	10	9	31	117
October ..	97	272	21	32	5	8	7	32	105
November ..	134	234	15	41	7	15	9	26	113
December ..	111	237	56	29	5	4	3	13	110
January ..	80	261	17	26	4	19	6	10	82
February ..	71	215	16	25	4	7	12	29	93
March ..	121	254	17	34	8	6	10	16	91
April ..	182	222	14	28	6	5	5	19	77
May ..	210	269	15	31	6	7	6	21	86
June ..	131	254	19	27	3	5	5	29	88
1958-59 p—									
July ..	125	197	22	28	5	5	1	15	76
August ..	102	281	19	29	4	8	4	18	82

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department at end of period.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.	Television Viewers' Licences in force at end of period.	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
				Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Average.					
1948-49	2,776	(b) 1,763	..	734	1,028
1949-50	3,196	(b) 1,841	..	793	1,110
1950-51	3,732	(b) 1,885	..	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	1,961	..	927	1,301
1952-53	5,367	1,986	..	985	1,384
1953-54	5,650	2,042	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55	6,069	2,035	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56	6,612	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57	7,519	2,107	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58	8,065	2,138	291	1,362	1,937
Monthly Total.					
1956-57—					
September	6,455	2,099	..	1,226	1,734
October	8,110	2,108	..	1,233	1,743
November	7,225	2,101	..	1,239	1,753
December	7,611	2,092	(c) 4	1,245	1,762
January	7,073	2,101	22	1,250	1,771
February	7,312	2,102	28	1,255	1,777
March	8,020	2,111	34	1,260	1,786
April	7,539	2,108	42	1,266	1,795
May	8,457	2,111	57	1,272	1,804
June	8,962	2,107	74	1,279	1,814
1957-58—					
July	7,423	2,113	90	1,284	1,823
August	7,532	2,117	106	1,290	1,833
September	7,503	2,123	120	1,296	1,843
October	8,563	2,112	133	1,303	1,853
November	7,510	2,140	151	1,311	1,863
December	8,623	2,142	167	1,319	1,874
January	8,469	2,141	178	1,325	1,883
February	7,664	2,145	200	1,331	1,892
March	8,055	2,135	220	1,337	1,901
April	7,906	2,135	239	1,343	1,910
May	8,482	2,138	262	1,351	1,922
June	9,046	2,138	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59—					
July	8,449	2,147	328	1,369	1,948
August	7,661	2,146	358	1,376	1,958
September	8,512	2,172	390	1,383	1,968

(a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1951-52.. ..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1952-53.. ..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1953-54.. ..	38.5	299.7	338.2	(a) 306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0
1954-55.. ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8
1955-56.. ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7
1956-57.. ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8
1957-58.. ..	45.6	343.9	389.5	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6
1956-57—								
September ..	42.7	337.1	379.8	255.4	40.7	203.9	286.7	538.2
October ..	43.7	337.4	381.1	258.4	31.8	206.2	285.9	546.5
November ..	43.5	340.6	384.1	270.3	34.2	207.6	302.0	559.2
December(b) ..	50.9	348.9	399.8	270.3	27.6	205.4	317.9	555.5
January ..	51.0	341.4	392.4	272.1	34.9	203.3	339.5	525.8
February ..	43.5	336.1	379.6	297.6	35.5	206.2	364.7	498.4
March ..	43.3	337.5	380.8	320.7	30.1	204.8	386.8	488.2
April ..	44.1	344.6	388.7	340.3	19.8	208.3	428.0	470.6
May ..	46.3	337.8	384.1	340.3	20.6	212.3	450.7	461.5
June ..	43.9	337.7	381.6	340.3	28.0	208.9	459.1	459.8
1957-58—								
July ..	43.3	338.7	382.0	340.3	27.9	208.9	471.1	450.0
August ..	43.0	342.4	385.4	340.3	30.4	209.4	473.1	468.5
September ..	42.9	343.8	386.7	340.3	29.4	206.8	472.5	480.9
October ..	44.0	343.7	387.7	340.3	32.8	211.4	471.1	496.0
November ..	44.7	345.2	389.9	340.3	23.6	216.4	466.4	499.7
December (b) ..	52.9	351.6	404.5	340.3	24.3	213.8	470.9	508.9
January ..	50.4	346.9	397.3	340.3	28.5	216.7	470.6	496.4
February ..	45.0	340.8	385.8	340.3	24.0	223.2	464.4	479.0
March ..	45.2	342.5	387.7	325.3	23.6	226.0	459.3	468.0
April ..	47.1	347.5	394.6	313.2	14.7	229.1	437.7	477.6
May ..	45.6	342.2	387.8	294.0	23.1	228.6	448.4	458.8
June ..	45.3	342.6	387.9	282.7	24.3	231.0	436.5	464.6
1958-59—								
July ..	44.6	343.5	388.1	271.2	29.8	230.0	426.0	477.0
August ..	44.2	346.5	390.7	265.1	25.6	227.2	410.6	494.3
September ..	44.5	348.0	392.5	265.1	27.3	221.3	401.9	507.3

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA
(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)								Commonwealth Bank—Advances.			
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (b)	Ad- vances.	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finance Department.	
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.					Hire Purchase.	Other.
Average Weekly Figures—												
1951-52 ..	20.1	90.6	110.7	6.6	26.4	13.3	..	76.4	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1952-53 ..	22.8	96.7	119.5	8.8	b 17.2	c 25.8	21.7	c 59.5	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1953-54 ..	35.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	34.8	69.2	43.2	4.5	16.6	4.7
1954-55 ..	43.6	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	36.1	89.1	62.3	4.8	17.0	6.7
1955-56 ..	46.3	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	33.2	103.9	73.8	5.1	16.6	9.0
1956-57 ..	44.4	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	34.6	106.5	56.6	5.1	16.5	9.4
1957-58 ..	54.9	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	40.2	107.8	33.7	5.5	16.0	9.4
1956-57—												
September ..	43.1	135.8	178.9	9.6	4.0	37.2	31.2	106.2	56.6	5.1	16.3	9.3
October ..	43.1	138.8	181.9	9.9	2.8	36.5	31.7	108.2	51.4	5.1	16.7	9.4
November ..	43.7	142.9	186.6	10.3	4.3	35.9	33.7	107.9	44.8	5.1	17.2	9.5
December(d)	45.0	144.1	189.1	8.9	4.8	35.9	33.7	107.4	38.2	5.1	17.3	9.6
January ..	44.4	137.8	182.2	10.9	3.7	32.1	33.7	110.8	44.1	5.1	17.1	9.2
February ..	45.0	139.7	184.7	9.8	5.4	33.5	34.9	108.4	64.1	5.1	16.8	9.2
March ..	44.6	142.7	187.3	10.5	4.0	36.1	37.3	105.2	72.9	5.2	16.5	9.4
April ..	45.2	144.7	189.9	10.7	3.5	36.9	39.2	103.7	66.8	5.2	16.5	9.4
May ..	45.8	142.7	188.5	9.7	3.9	36.2	39.2	105.2	54.8	5.3	16.1	9.5
June ..	47.7	146.2	193.9	11.1	7.0	36.6	39.2	102.5	42.5	5.2	15.9	9.6
1957-58—												
July ..	49.5	143.3	192.8	10.7	6.0	39.0	39.2	107.3	41.2	5.3	15.8	9.6
August ..	50.6	144.1	194.7	10.6	5.6	43.0	39.2	105.5	30.5	5.4	15.8	9.7
September ..	50.4	145.4	195.8	11.4	3.7	47.0	39.2	104.6	22.2	5.4	15.9	9.9
October ..	50.8	152.5	203.3	11.3	5.2	49.3	39.2	105.2	20.7	5.5	16.1	9.8
November ..	53.8	155.9	209.7	11.4	6.7	51.7	39.2	105.4	20.4	5.5	16.1	9.7
December(d)	55.2	159.8	215.0	9.9	3.5	54.0	43.6	104.6	18.3	5.5	16.2	9.8
January ..	55.1	148.8	203.9	11.0	2.5	46.4	43.6	107.1	29.9	5.5	16.2	9.4
February ..	55.6	148.6	204.2	10.9	2.8	44.8	43.6	107.5	45.5	5.6	16.0	9.2
March ..	57.6	151.3	208.9	11.8	8.2	45.3	40.5	108.1	48.0	5.6	16.0	9.1
April ..	58.6	152.4	211.0	10.4	6.8	46.8	39.7	110.6	46.3	5.6	16.0	8.9
May ..	59.1	151.7	210.8	9.9	6.3	46.7	38.4	113.4	38.2	5.7	16.1	9.0
June ..	63.3	152.0	215.3	10.4	8.5	46.7	37.9	113.9	37.9	5.7	16.3	9.1
1958-59—												
July ..	65.6	150.9	216.5	10.6	7.9	47.2	37.4	119.2	30.2	5.8	16.4	9.1
August ..	65.9	151.7	217.6	11.4	4.7	50.2	37.1	121.2	22.3	5.8	16.5	9.2
September ..	67.5	154.1	221.6	12.1	6.7	54.7	37.1	119.0	14.9	5.9	16.7	9.1

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37.. ..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(b) 15.0	..	262.5
1937-38.. ..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(b) 21.4	..	274.4
1938-39.. ..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	21.5	(b) 20.5	..	288.1
1951-52.. ..	238.2	(c) 963.5	1,201.7	60.6	32.4	67.0	466.0	(c) 621.4
1952-53.. ..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	74.7	123.1	84.0	211.7	638.1
1953-54.. ..	239.8	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	285.2	658.5
1954-55(d) ..	263.0	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1	776.8
1955-56.. ..	263.1	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8	804.4
1956-57.. ..	299.5	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1	762.6
1957-58.. ..	345.4	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	287.4	774.3
1956-57—								
September ..	284.1	964.4	1,248.5	71.4	37.4	119.2	223.4	778.5
October ..	287.6	993.9	1,281.5	64.3	51.9	123.9	225.9	780.2
November ..	293.4	1,018.0	1,311.4	63.8	54.1	135.6	235.9	771.2
December (e) ..	299.2	1,041.4	1,340.6	65.9	62.5	150.3	235.9	762.2
January ..	305.6	1,056.9	1,362.5	73.1	83.3	166.7	237.7	744.9
February ..	310.1	1,080.8	1,390.9	66.2	88.6	182.1	261.8	732.5
March ..	312.9	1,103.4	1,416.3	60.2	92.4	188.4	282.7	725.5
April ..	311.9	1,083.1	1,395.0	51.7	47.7	184.0	300.4	743.5
May ..	316.3	1,052.4	1,368.7	55.8	27.7	173.5	300.4	757.3
June ..	321.2	1,040.9	1,362.1	56.1	15.9	167.6	300.4	766.2
1957-58—								
July ..	328.9	1,020.7	1,349.6	59.1	18.8	158.9	300.4	770.5
August ..	330.6	1,001.3	1,331.9	60.3	17.0	158.3	300.4	762.0
September ..	334.2	1,008.0	1,342.2	57.9	21.1	159.8	300.4	756.1
October ..	344.3	1,041.2	1,385.5	62.7	34.8	163.2	300.4	765.5
November ..	344.2	1,062.4	1,406.6	56.9	37.8	174.6	300.4	772.0
December (e) ..	346.0	1,085.7	1,431.7	66.4	46.2	180.5	296.0	766.3
January ..	352.4	1,093.3	1,445.7	69.2	69.5	196.1	296.0	753.4
February ..	352.4	1,091.2	1,443.6	58.9	77.1	201.9	296.0	749.6
March ..	356.4	1,093.2	1,449.6	56.9	86.1	204.4	284.0	754.6
April ..	353.3	1,061.1	1,414.4	53.2	33.5	196.3	272.9	792.2
May ..	350.2	1,004.0	1,354.2	58.0	15.1	166.6	254.9	819.5
June ..	352.8	990.2	1,343.0	58.4	13.0	151.7	244.2	831.7
1958-59—								
July ..	363.5	967.7	1,331.2	63.2	13.1	144.1	233.2	844.9
August ..	366.2	955.3	1,321.5	55.4	23.4	143.4	227.5	838.8
September ..	361.7	962.3	1,324.0	57.8	27.0	146.1	227.5	829.8

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average	of	Weekly						
Figures—								
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1951-52	5.0	7.7	13.3	38.8	(c) 51.7	80.2
1952-53	6.4	17.0	24.3	18.2	54.9	81.2
1953-54	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6	81.2
1954-55(d)	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1956-57—								
September	5.7	8.7	18.2	17.9	62.4	77.2
October	5.0	9.1	18.8	17.6	60.9	77.5
November	4.9	9.0	19.3	18.0	58.8	77.6
December(e)	4.9	9.6	20.8	17.6	56.9	77.7
January	5.4	11.5	23.7	17.4	54.7	77.6
February	4.8	11.1	24.2	18.8	52.7	77.7
March	4.3	10.8	24.1	20.0	51.2	77.9
April	3.7	7.1	20.3	21.5	53.3	77.6
May	4.1	6.1	18.8	21.9	55.3	76.9
June	4.1	5.3	17.6	22.1	56.3	76.4
1957-58—								
July	4.4	5.8	17.6	22.3	57.1	75.6
August	4.5	5.8	17.7	22.5	57.2	75.2
September	4.3	5.9	17.8	22.4	56.3	75.1
October	4.5	7.0	18.8	21.7	55.2	75.2
November	4.0	6.7	19.1	21.4	54.9	75.5
December(e)	4.6	7.9	20.5	20.7	53.5	75.8
January	4.8	9.6	23.2	20.5	52.1	75.6
February	4.1	9.4	23.4	20.5	51.9	75.6
March	3.9	9.8	24.0	19.6	52.1	75.4
April	3.7	6.1	20.0	19.3	56.0	75.0
May	4.3	5.4	17.7	18.8	60.5	74.1
June	4.3	5.3	16.6	18.2	61.9	73.7
1958-59—								
July	4.8	5.8	16.6	17.5	63.5	72.7
August	4.2	6.0	16.8	17.2	63.5	72.3
September	4.4	6.4	17.4	17.2	62.7	72.7

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols ... — see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)
(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1951-52.. ..	258.3	1,054.1	1,312.4	67.2	58.8	80.3	466.0	697.8
1952-53.. ..	241.5	1,040.4	1,281.9	83.5	140.3	109.9	233.5	697.6
1953-54.. ..	275.1	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	320.0	727.7
1954-55(c) ..	306.5	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	305.2	865.9
1955-56.. ..	309.4	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	272.0	908.3
1956-57.. ..	343.9	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	288.7	869.1
1957-58.. ..	400.3	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	327.6	882.1
1956-57—								
September ..	327.2	1,100.2	1,427.4	81.0	41.4	156.4	254.6	884.8
October ..	330.7	1,132.7	1,463.4	74.1	54.7	160.4	257.6	888.4
November ..	337.1	1,160.9	1,498.0	74.9	58.4	171.5	269.6	879.1
December(d) ..	344.2	1,185.5	1,529.7	74.8	67.3	186.2	269.6	869.7
January ..	350.0	1,194.7	1,544.7	84.0	87.0	198.8	271.3	855.8
February ..	355.1	1,220.5	1,575.6	76.0	94.0	215.7	296.8	840.9
March ..	357.6	1,246.1	1,603.7	70.7	96.4	224.5	319.9	830.7
April ..	357.1	1,227.8	1,584.9	62.4	51.2	221.0	339.6	847.1
May ..	362.0	1,195.2	1,557.2	65.5	31.6	209.6	339.6	862.5
June ..	368.8	1,187.2	1,556.0	67.2	22.9	204.2	339.6	868.8
1957-58—								
July ..	378.4	1,164.0	1,542.4	69.8	24.8	197.9	339.6	877.8
August ..	381.2	1,145.4	1,526.6	70.9	22.6	201.3	339.6	867.5
September ..	384.6	1,153.5	1,538.1	69.3	24.8	206.8	339.6	860.7
October ..	395.1	1,193.7	1,588.8	74.1	40.0	212.6	339.6	870.7
November ..	398.0	1,218.3	1,616.3	68.3	44.5	226.3	339.6	877.4
December (d) ..	401.2	1,245.5	1,646.7	76.2	49.7	234.5	339.6	870.9
January ..	407.5	1,242.1	1,649.6	80.2	72.0	242.5	339.6	860.5
February ..	408.0	1,239.8	1,647.8	69.8	79.9	246.7	339.6	857.1
March ..	413.9	1,244.6	1,658.5	68.7	94.4	249.7	324.6	862.7
April ..	411.9	1,213.5	1,625.4	63.6	40.3	243.1	312.6	902.8
May ..	409.3	1,155.7	1,565.0	67.9	21.4	213.3	293.3	932.9
June ..	416.1	1,142.2	1,558.3	68.8	21.5	198.4	282.1	945.6
1958-59—								
July ..	429.1	1,118.6	1,547.7	73.8	21.0	191.3	270.6	964.1
August ..	432.1	1,107.0	1,539.1	66.8	28.1	193.6	264.6	960.0
September ..	429.2	1,116.4	1,545.6	69.9	33.7	200.8	264.6	948.8

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.
(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.			Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
			Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1951-52	..	..	5.1	9.6	15.7	35.5	53.2	80.3
1952-53	..	..	6.5	17.4	26.0	18.2	54.4	81.2
1953-54	..	..	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8	80.8
1954-55(c)	..	..	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56	..	..	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	..	..	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58	..	..	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1956-57—								
September	..	..	5.7	8.6	19.5	17.8	62.0	77.1
October	..	..	5.1	8.8	19.8	17.6	60.7	77.4
November	..	..	5.0	8.9	20.4	18.0	58.7	77.5
December(d)	..	..	4.9	9.3	21.5	17.6	56.9	77.5
January	..	..	5.4	11.0	23.9	17.6	55.4	77.3
February	..	..	4.8	10.8	24.5	18.8	53.4	77.5
March	..	..	4.4	10.4	24.4	20.0	51.8	77.7
April	..	..	3.9	7.1	21.1	21.4	53.5	77.5
May	..	..	4.2	6.2	19.7	21.8	55.4	76.7
June..	..	..	4.3	5.8	18.9	21.8	55.8	76.3
1957-58—								
July	..	..	4.6	6.2	19.0	22.0	56.9	75.5
August	..	..	4.6	6.1	19.3	22.2	56.8	75.0
September	..	..	4.5	6.1	19.6	22.1	56.0	75.0
October	..	..	4.7	7.2	20.6	21.4	54.8	75.1
November	..	..	4.2	7.0	21.0	21.0	54.3	75.4
December(d)	..	..	4.6	7.6	21.9	20.6	52.9	75.6
January	..	..	4.8	9.2	23.9	20.6	52.2	75.3
February	..	..	4.2	9.1	24.1	20.6	52.0	75.2
March	..	..	4.1	9.8	24.9	19.6	52.0	75.0
April	..	..	3.9	6.4	21.4	19.2	55.5	74.7
May	..	..	4.3	5.7	19.3	18.7	59.6	73.8
June..	..	..	4.4	5.8	18.5	18.1	60.7	73.3
1958-59—								
July ..	..	..	4.8	6.1	18.5	17.5	62.3	72.3
August	..	..	4.3	6.1	18.7	17.2	62.4	71.9
September	..	..	4.5	6.7	19.7	17.1	61.4	72.2

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953.

(b) See footnote (a), page 50.

(c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955.

(d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1951-52.. ..	271.7	1,091.5	1,363.2	72.3	61.7	94.4	468.6	759.7
1952-53.. ..	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(b) 88.2	(b) 144.2	(c) 123.0	234.6	(c) 762.3
1953-54.. ..	290.4	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	321.1	793.7
1954-55.. ..	322.6	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	306.3	938.1
1955-56.. ..	325.7	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	272.8	984.1
1956-57.. ..	360.9	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	289.4	946.8
1957-58.. ..	420.6	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	328.3	963.3
1956-57—								
September ..	343.4	1,138.3	1,481.7	84.9	43.4	170.6	255.4	959.9
October ..	346.7	1,170.9	1,517.6	77.8	57.0	174.7	258.4	964.9
November ..	353.6	1,200.8	1,554.4	79.0	61.3	186.4	270.3	956.1
December(d) ..	361.2	1,226.2	1,587.4	78.9	70.4	201.4	270.3	947.3
January ..	367.2	1,237.7	1,604.9	88.1	90.9	214.3	272.1	933.8
February ..	372.5	1,265.7	1,638.2	80.3	99.9	231.9	297.6	919.0
March ..	374.9	1,291.8	1,666.7	74.6	102.9	240.8	320.7	909.6
April ..	374.5	1,272.5	1,647.0	66.2	57.4	236.7	340.3	926.7
May ..	379.4	1,238.3	1,617.7	69.4	37.3	224.8	340.3	942.0
June ..	386.8	1,228.7	1,615.5	71.3	27.1	219.2	340.3	948.4
1957-58—								
July ..	397.6	1,205.2	1,602.8	74.3	29.6	212.6	340.3	956.5
August ..	400.3	1,185.6	1,585.9	74.5	26.9	215.6	340.3	945.1
September ..	403.9	1,192.7	1,596.6	73.0	29.2	220.8	340.3	939.2
October ..	414.3	1,234.5	1,648.8	78.0	44.8	226.4	340.3	950.7
November ..	417.7	1,260.6	1,678.3	72.6	49.8	240.7	340.3	957.7
December (d) ..	421.1	1,288.5	1,709.6	80.6	55.3	249.0	340.3	952.0
January ..	427.9	1,287.7	1,715.6	84.5	77.3	257.3	340.3	941.9
February ..	428.4	1,284.9	1,713.3	73.7	86.0	261.7	340.3	939.0
March ..	433.9	1,289.3	1,723.2	72.3	99.1	264.7	325.3	945.4
April ..	432.9	1,256.4	1,689.3	67.1	43.0	258.1	313.3	986.0
May ..	431.8	1,195.7	1,627.5	70.9	22.6	228.0	294.0	1,017.1
June ..	439.1	1,181.0	1,620.1	71.9	22.0	212.6	282.7	1,030.1
1958-59—								
July ..	454.1	1,155.4	1,609.5	77.4	21.5	205.0	271.2	1,048.8
August ..	457.0	1,143.0	1,600.0	70.3	28.6	207.1	265.2	1,044.2
September ..	453.7	1,152.4	1,606.1	73.1	34.2	214.2	265.2	1,033.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1951-52.. ..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1952-53.. ..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1953-54.. ..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.8	446.5
1954-55(b) ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.8	491.6
1955-56.. ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	1.0	521.4
1956-57.. ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	1.2	562.7
1957-58.. ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	1.5	592.0
1956-57—								
September ..	201.0	183.5	59.3	39.9	29.3	12.0	1.1	526.1
October ..	221.8	192.3	63.3	42.0	29.2	12.4	1.2	562.2
November ..	226.1	194.2	65.5	42.8	29.2	12.4	1.0	571.2
December ..	231.7	202.8	65.2	45.5	28.9	14.3	1.2	589.6
January ..	202.3	188.0	60.4	38.2	30.0	10.7	1.4	531.0
February ..	224.7	206.2	66.2	48.7	30.7	13.0	1.2	590.7
March ..	233.5	207.1	63.6	46.5	30.5	14.4	1.5	597.1
April ..	232.2	210.4	63.8	46.0	27.4	12.8	1.3	593.9
May ..	229.8	214.6	64.2	44.9	29.0	13.3	1.4	597.2
June ..	234.5	201.7	65.9	44.3	27.6	13.4	1.4	588.8
1957-58—								
July ..	235.9	204.5	70.9	46.5	28.5	12.8	1.6	600.7
August ..	205.8	184.0	60.2	38.7	26.3	11.2	1.3	527.5
September ..	227.4	196.6	67.3	43.1	29.6	11.8	1.2	577.0
October ..	233.6	210.5	69.2	44.1	32.4	12.0	1.5	603.3
November ..	237.9	212.5	66.4	45.6	31.9	12.6	1.4	608.3
December ..	253.9	242.8	72.5	48.8	32.7	15.3	1.5	667.5
January ..	200.6	173.5	57.1	39.1	30.7	10.5	1.2	512.7
February ..	232.6	201.9	61.7	45.9	31.2	12.8	1.5	587.6
March ..	239.8	212.5	64.2	45.6	31.2	14.5	1.6	609.4
April ..	234.2	216.5	66.8	46.1	29.8	13.9	2.1	609.4
May ..	235.0	218.2	64.6	44.8	29.7	14.2	1.7	608.2
June ..	231.8	216.9	66.5	43.4	28.3	14.3	1.8	603.0
1958-59—								
July ..	242.6	219.6	71.0	44.2	28.8	14.2	2.3	622.7
August ..	218.8	195.0	64.8	40.3	25.9	11.8	1.6	558.2
September ..	236.1	206.9	69.8	42.4	28.2	12.4	1.9	597.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								Australia.
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1957-58 ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
1956-57—									
September	399.5	396.3	137.9	137.7	60.5	38.5	1.8	3.1	1,175.3
October	403.1	398.9	139.4	138.2	61.0	38.5	1.8	3.1	1,184.0
November	405.4	401.6	140.5	138.6	61.4	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,190.9
December	406.0	400.4	140.8	137.6	61.1	38.2	1.7	3.1	1,188.9
January	408.0	400.4	140.1	137.6	61.0	38.3	1.8	3.1	1,190.3
February	411.9	402.7	140.6	138.8	61.2	38.6	1.8	3.1	1,198.7
March	412.3	402.2	140.4	138.5	61.1	38.5	1.8	3.2	1,198.0
April ..	411.2	400.6	140.4	138.3	61.0	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,194.9
May ..	413.1	402.8	141.3	138.7	61.3	38.5	1.8	3.3	1,200.8
June ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1957-58—									
July ..	424.9	412.9	146.5	143.2	63.0	39.2	2.0	3.4	1,235.1
August	429.1	416.9	148.7	143.9	63.8	39.9	2.0	3.4	1,247.7
September	430.9	418.0	150.1	144.2	64.1	39.8	2.1	3.5	1,252.7
October	436.0	422.0	152.1	146.1	65.1	40.0	2.1	3.5	1,266.9
November	436.2	423.2	152.0	146.2	65.1	39.8	2.1	3.6	1,268.2
December	437.1	423.0	151.4	145.7	64.9	39.6	2.0	3.6	1,267.3
January	439.0	423.3	150.6	146.4	64.8	39.7	2.0	3.7	1,269.5
February	439.7	423.2	150.0	146.3	64.6	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.4
March ..	439.1	422.7	149.4	145.9	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.8	1,267.3
April ..	440.4	423.5	149.8	145.7	64.8	39.9	2.0	3.7	1,269.8
May ..	440.7	425.4	150.0	145.0	64.6	39.8	2.0	3.7	1,271.2
June ..	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
1958-59—									
July ..	451.9	434.9	155.1	149.6	66.4	40.7	2.2	4.0	1,304.8
August ..	454.1	437.1	156.2	149.4	66.5	41.3	2.2	4.0	1,310.8
Sept. ..	457.7	439.1	158.2	149.8	67.7	41.5	2.2	4.0	1,320.2

(a) Interest added 1956-57, £29.1m.: 1957-58, £31.2m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—									
1937	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
Monthly Total—									
1956-57—									
August	26,391	31,273	20,595	3,233	6,257	1,284	2,627	953	4,724
September ..	32,415	38,409	24,957	3,897	6,371	1,242	2,432	840	4,746
October	22,802	30,266	16,139	2,484	6,223	1,265	2,651	907	4,517
November .. .	25,701	32,053	18,673	2,974	6,006	1,429	2,381	852	5,931
December .. .	27,565	54,543	14,746	2,557	6,209	1,480	2,343	669	5,643
January .. .	13,445	17,087	5,383	801	5,734	756	2,118	644	3,400
February .. .	19,066	26,103	16,373	2,523	5,780	1,235	2,328	775	3,609
March	25,291	31,747	18,375	2,866	6,282	1,245	2,606	858	5,698
April	21,986	27,805	18,850	2,936	6,450	1,254	2,389	832	5,085
May	25,644	34,790	17,023	2,653	7,323	1,274	2,665	963	5,525
June	27,024	36,554	18,934	3,003	7,971	1,306	2,427	887	5,231
1957-58—									
July	28,518	46,239	19,963	3,239	7,997	1,305	2,954	1,089	5,030
August	28,179	37,205	21,061	3,345	6,922	1,271	2,931	1,113	4,504
September ..	31,917	40,560	23,220	3,673	7,187	1,329	2,852	925	4,476
October	26,766	35,415	17,797	2,865	7,154	1,351	2,725	937	5,700
November .. .	25,551	42,114	17,193	2,783	6,458	1,347	2,732	994	4,969
December .. .	29,968	60,434	14,981	2,696	7,654	1,447	3,119	764	6,507
January .. .	12,325	15,145	5,094	767	6,094	793	2,161	689	3,258
February .. .	19,583	27,474	14,930	2,332	6,161	1,238	2,562	869	4,076
March	25,173	34,355	17,866	2,893	7,480	1,332	2,941	957	4,937
April	20,152	28,228	15,627	2,528	7,363	1,197	2,592	777	5,687
May	24,556	37,631	18,653	2,993	7,822	1,308	2,957	964	5,379
June	26,924	45,937	22,581	3,716	9,174	1,363	3,036	869	4,858
1958-59—									
July	27,662	44,718	18,343	2,974	8,869	1,339	3,476	1,001	5,777
August	28,629	40,527	18,112	3,011	7,201	1,209	3,001	959	5,107

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity.
 payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (e)
1936-37 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h) 5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h) 5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 5.4
1951-52 ..	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400	2.05	3.95	(i) 4.4
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1956-57—								(i) (j)
September ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.579	4.99	5.04	6.4
October ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.575	4.68	5.05	6.5
November ..	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.625	12.569	4.60	5.07	6.6
December ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.532	4.69	5.09	6.6
January ..	125.25	2.796	2.225	15.625	12.479	4.68	5.04	6.6
February ..	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.469	4.70	5.05	6.6
March ..	125.25	2.793	2.223	15.625	12.499	4.70	5.03	6.6
April ..	125.25	2.789	2.219	15.625	12.520	4.77	5.06	6.6
May ..	125.25	2.791	2.221	15.625	12.516	4.70	5.05	6.7
June ..	125.25	2.790	2.221	15.625	12.539	4.62	5.04	6.7
1957-58—								
July ..	125.25	2.788	2.219	15.625	12.551	4.48	5.02	6.8
August ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.565	4.51	5.01	6.9
September ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.552	4.44	4.98	6.9
October ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.492	4.36	5.00	6.9
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.230	15.625	12.479	4.43	5.00	6.9
December ..	125.25	2.802	2.233	15.625	12.469	4.41	5.00	6.9
January ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.445	4.40	5.01	7.0
February ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.458	4.38	5.01	7.0
March ..	125.25	2.815	2.241	15.625	12.464	4.30	4.98	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.816	2.242	15.625	12.461	4.30	4.96	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.816	2.241	15.625	12.472	4.25	4.96	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.811	2.237	15.625	12.484	4.25	4.94	7.1
1958-59—								
July ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.522	4.28	4.96	7.0
August ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.30	4.97	7.0
September ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.521	4.30	4.97	7.0

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES. (Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate).	Common-wealth Loans (Long Term).
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).				
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1940—1st March ..	1.75	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25	} (b) {	2.00	1.75	3.625
28th May ..	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.250
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.250
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25		5.00	1.50	3.250
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
1944—17th January..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Rates for Private Trading Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Common-wealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Common-wealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				1956-57—			
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	31st May ..	147,000	9,000	156,000
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	30th June ..	150,000	..	150,000
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	1957-58—			
1951 ..	108,280	2,400	110,680	31st July ..	139,000	3,000	142,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	31st August	160,000	3,000	163,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	30th Sept. ..	185,000	3,000	188,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	31st Oct. ..	216,000	3,000	219,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	30th Nov. ..	228,000	5,000	233,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	31st Dec. ..	251,000	8,500	259,500
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	31st Jan. ..	249,000	8,500	257,500
1958 ..	140,000	..	140,000	28th Feb. ..	248,000	8,500	256,500
1956-57—				31st Mar. ..	241,000	6,000	247,000
31st Oct. ..	240,000	3,000	243,000	30th April ..	168,000	6,000	174,000
30th Nov. ..	255,000	11,000	266,000	31st May ..	134,000	5,000	139,000
31st Dec. ..	270,000	14,000	284,000	30th June ..	140,000	..	140,000
31st Jan. ..	260,000	14,000	274,000	1958-59—			
28th Feb. ..	270,000	14,000	284,000	31st July ..	142,000	3,000	145,000
31st Mar. ..	260,000	12,000	272,000	31st August..	163,000	3,000	166,000
30th April ..	190,000	12,000	202,000	30th Sept. ..	195,000	3,000	198,000

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

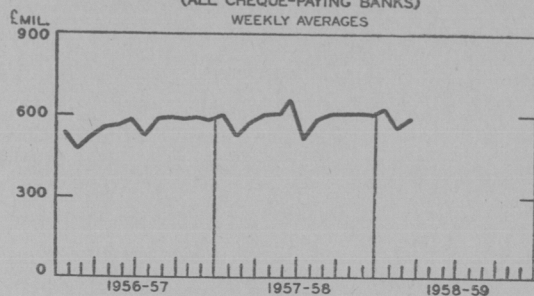
Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(a)
REVENUE.									
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1952-53	182.8	97.0	63.2	44.2	38.7	12.1	438.0	1,040.1	1,305.7
1953-54	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.2
1954-55	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 p ..	232.7	143.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	607.4	1,323.8	1,692.5
1958-59 (Estimate) ..	237.8	152.5	99.4	67.8	59.8	21.7	639.0	1,310.5	1,699.6
1956-57—									
July	15.6	7.8	5.6	4.1	3.9	1.1	38.1	74.3	97.3
July—August ..	31.4	16.3	11.7	8.2	8.1	2.2	77.9	145.1	192.7
September ..	47.6	24.8	17.9	12.2	12.2	4.1	118.8	212.4	285.6
1957-58—									
July	17.2	9.6	6.4	5.3	4.0	1.1	43.6	80.7	108.1
July—August ..	33.7	18.8	12.9	9.8	8.2	2.2	85.6	150.8	204.0
September ..	50.4	28.0	19.7	14.5	12.3	4.2	129.1	221.3	301.8
1958-59—									
July	17.7	9.7	6.4	4.8	4.1	1.3	44.0	81.6	108.4
July—August ..	34.0	19.4	13.2	9.0	8.3	2.5	86.4	152.7	204.5
September ..	51.8	29.5	20.3	13.9	12.7	4.7	132.9	227.7	308.6
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1952-53	182.7	97.4	63.0	44.2	39.2	11.8	438.3	1,040.1	1,306.0
1953-54	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.3
1954-55	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58 p ..	232.6	145.6	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	613.4	1,323.8	1,698.5
1958-59 (Estimate) ..	237.8	154.2	101.2	68.8	61.8	22.8	646.6	1,310.5	1,707.2
1956-57—									
July	14.0	8.7	6.8	4.4	4.4	0.9	39.2	77.0	101.1
July—August ..	32.0	18.9	13.9	9.5	9.6	2.5	86.4	179.2	235.3
September ..	49.4	29.6	20.2	14.1	14.0	4.3	131.6	262.8	348.8
1957-58—									
July	13.4	9.8	7.0	4.8	4.6	1.1	40.7	87.3	111.8
July—August ..	33.5	21.5	14.2	9.9	9.6	2.7	91.4	181.6	240.6
September ..	49.5	31.5	21.0	14.9	14.2	4.8	135.9	272.1	359.4
1958-59—									
July	14.6	9.7	6.9	5.2	4.9	1.4	42.7	112.6	138.1
July—August ..	34.2	21.6	14.5	10.4	10.1	2.8	93.6	198.5	257.5
September ..	51.1	33.0	22.5	15.6	14.9	4.9	142.0	306.3	396.3

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (b) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications.

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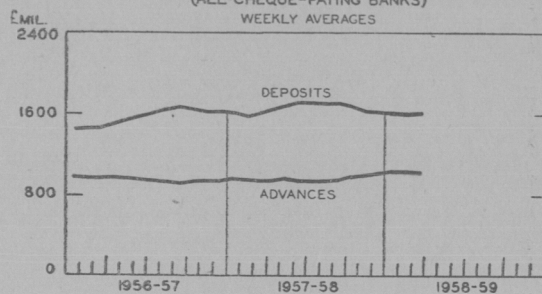
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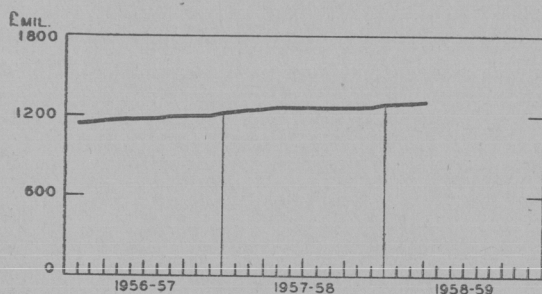
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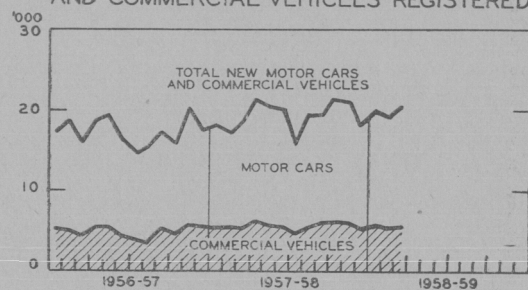
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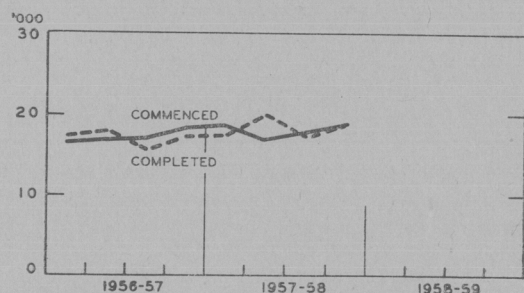
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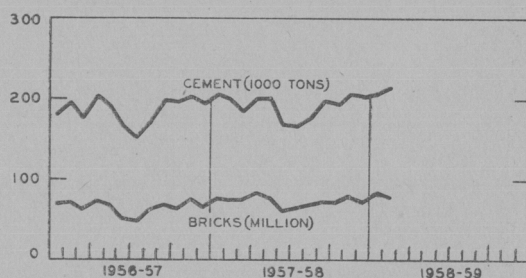
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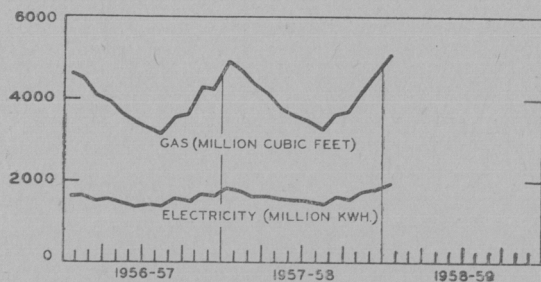
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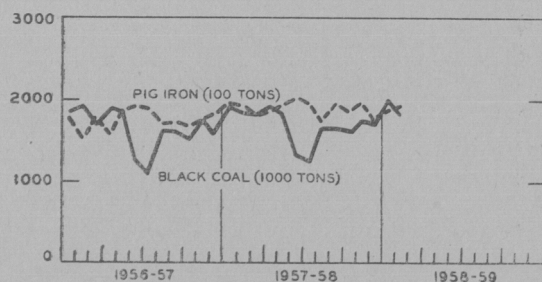
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